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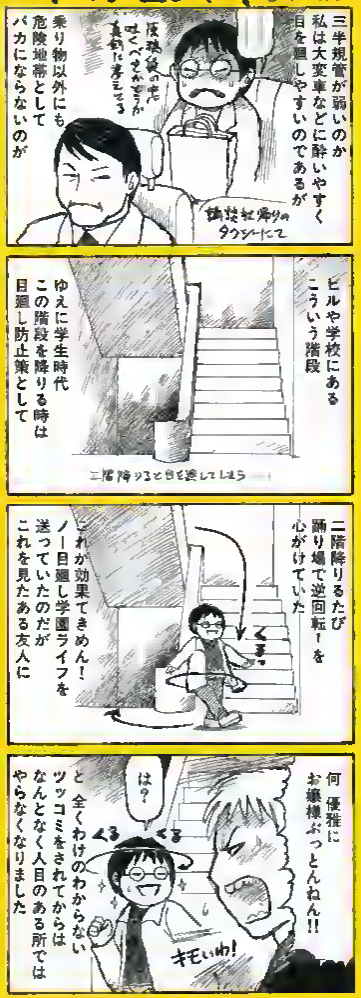

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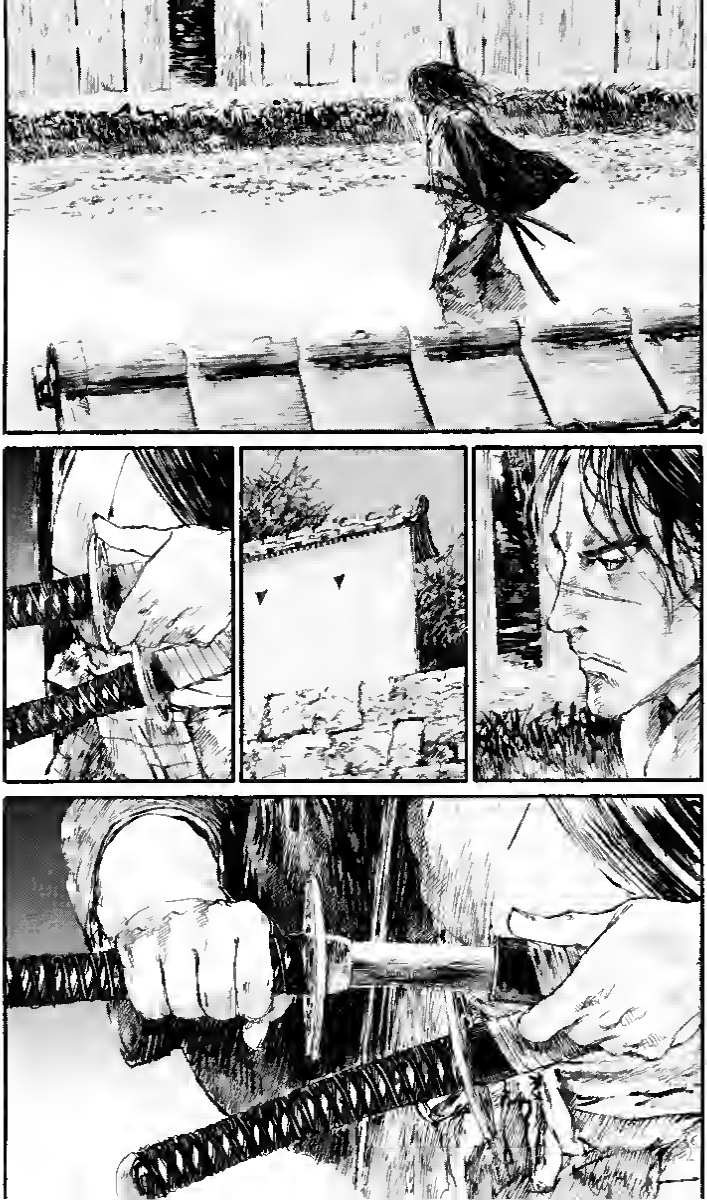

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WHO ARE YOU ?!

ROKKI
...!

ガッ
HA HA...!

YOU THINK YOU'RE AS QUICK WITH YOUR LONG SWORD AS I AM WITH MY NAGINATA* ?!
YOU ITTO-RYU IDIOT!
*HALBERD, LANCE

AH
KSCH

THAT CAN'T BE
THE SWORD SHOULD BE TOO HEAVY... YOU CAN'T
TH... THAT CAN'T BE POSSIBLE
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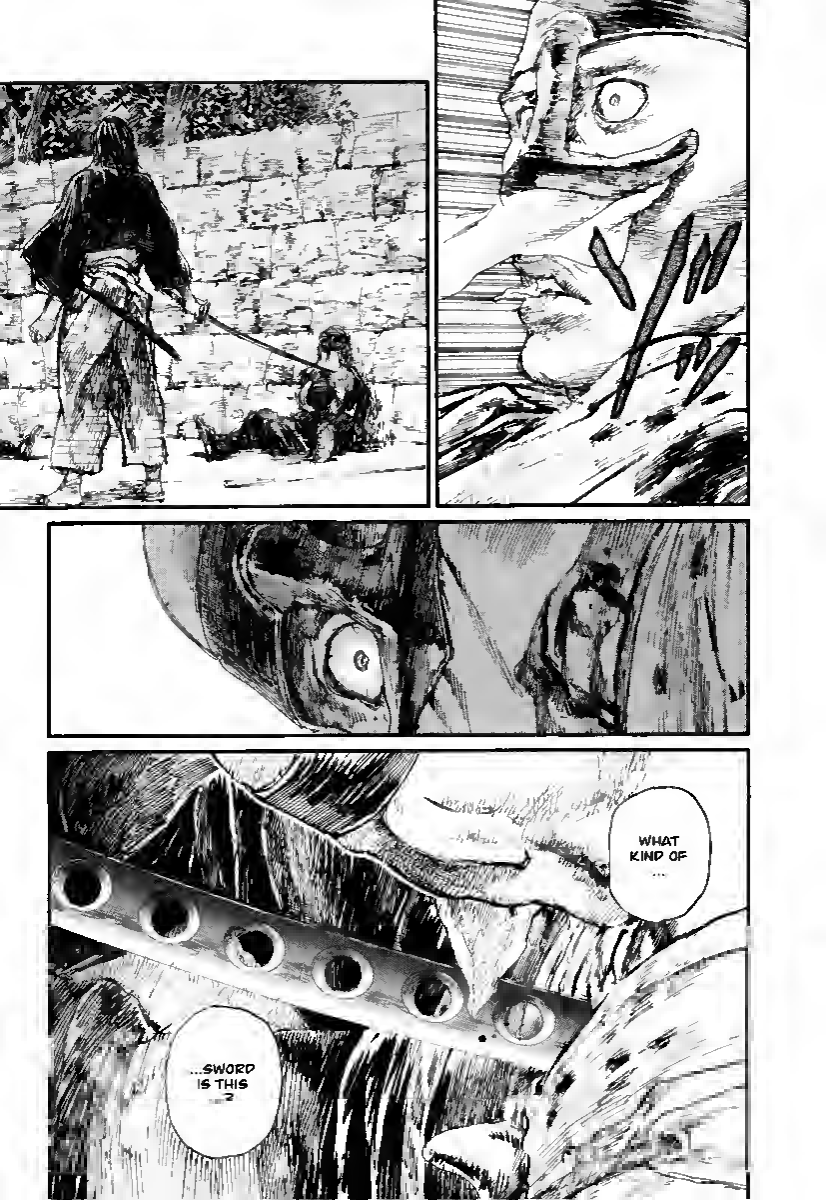
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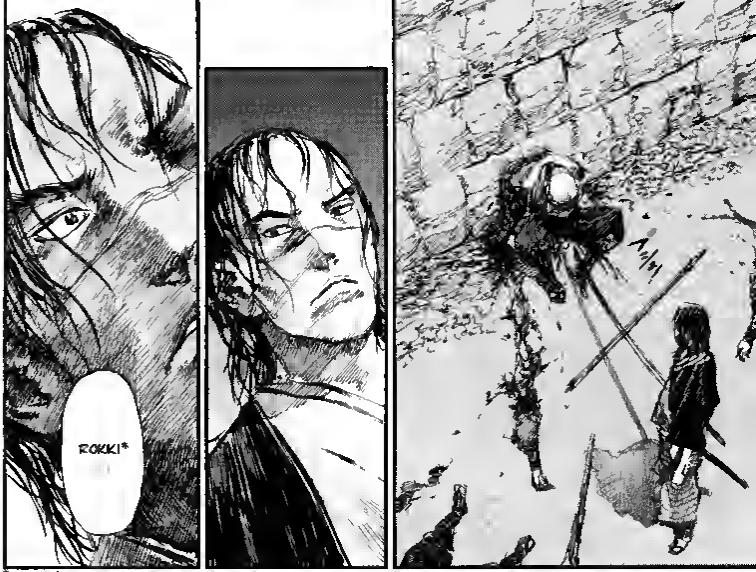
...SWORD IS THIS ?



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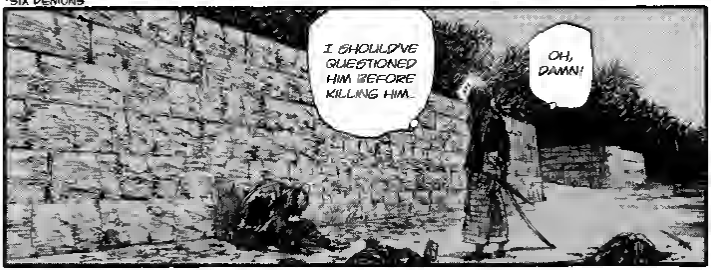
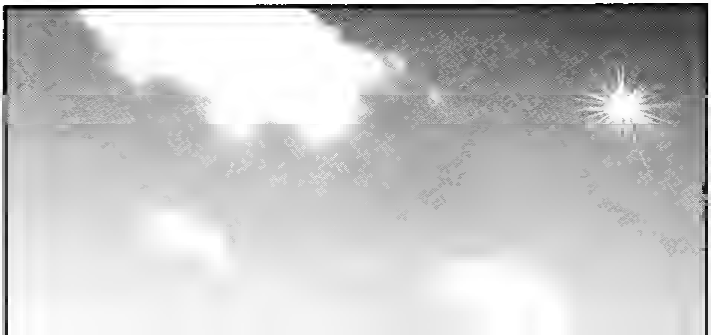
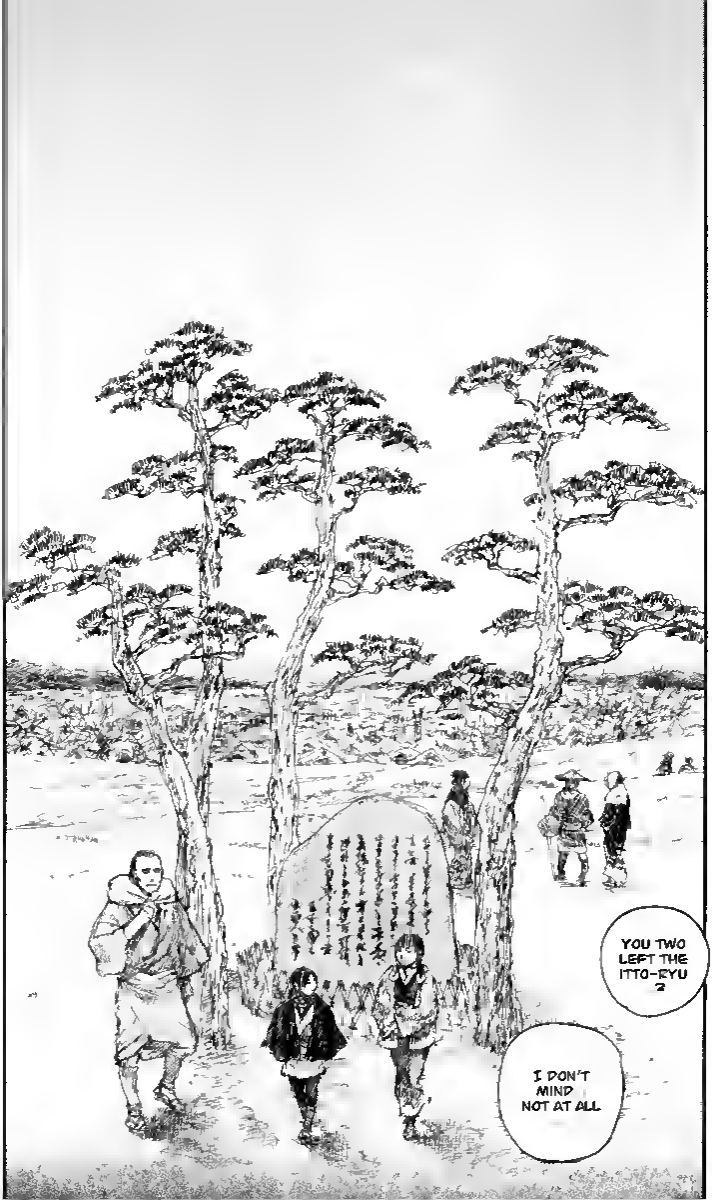
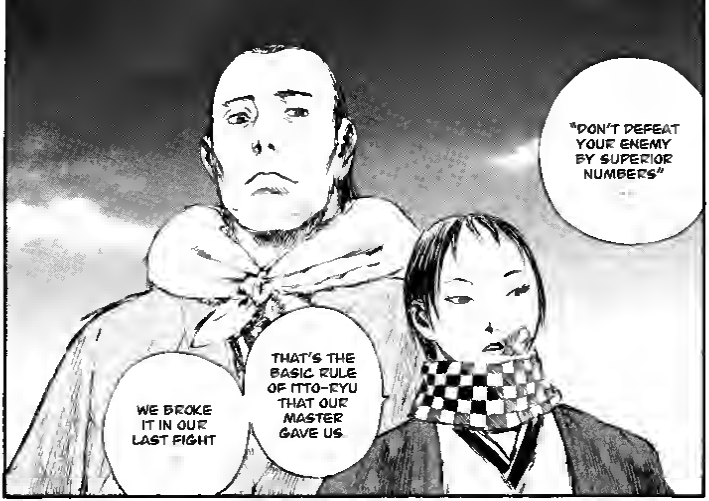
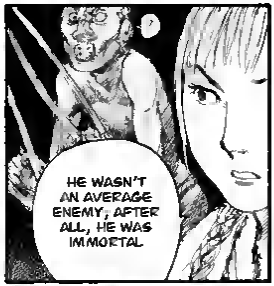





YOU TWO LEFT THE ITTO-RYU ?
I DON'T MIND NOT AT ALL


"DON'T DEFEAT YOUR ENEMY BY SUPERIOR NUMBERS"
THAT'S THE BASIC RULE OF ITTO-RYU THAT OUR MASTER GAVE US
WE BROKE IT IN OUR LAST FIGHT

KAGEHISA ANOTSU REALLY IS A BLOCKHEAD!
NO! THE MASTER WAS NICE. HE REVOKED OUR EXPULSION AFTER I EXPLAINED THE DETAILS TO HIM

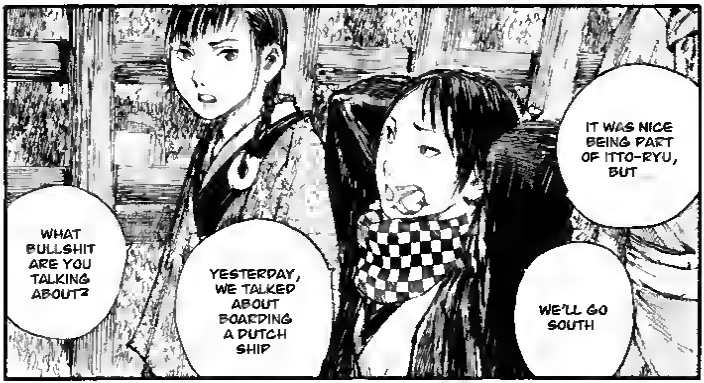

HE WASN'T AN AVERAGE ENEMY; AFTER ALL, HE WAS IMMORTAL

I'M SCARED
BECAUSE OF ME, ISAKU MIGHT DIE. JUST THINKING ABOUT IT
IT'S ME WHO'S THE PROBLEM, EVER SINCE THE FIGHT

HM?
YOU SEE, EIN
BUT ISAKU WAS MADE IMMORTAL
EXECUTIONER YAMADA'S SERVANT
I GOT THEM FROM BENKI
LOOK AT HIS WOUNDS!
BUT...! MANJI'S WOULD'VE BEEN HEALED ALREADY
THEY WERE EVEN WORSE TEN DAYS AGO
THEY DIDN'T HEAL YET?!
WHAT?!
WHEN WE FOUGHT

...THE DOCTOR DIDN'T MANAGE
...TO MAKE US IMMORTAL
WELL, RIN, IT LOOKS LIKE
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I CAN FEEL IT.
WE'LL LOSE OUR IMMORTALITY AFTER WE'RE COMPLETELY SEPARATED FROM MANJI'S BODY.
YES, GOOD.
NOW THAT SHE'S PROMISED NOT TO KILL ANYMORE...
PLUS, I'M CONVINCED THAT I CAN PROTECT DOA WITHOUT IT,
BUT I'M GLAD THAT I COULD ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING IMPORTANT WHILE I WAS AN IMMORTAL.

AND NOW...? WILL YOU GO BACK TO THE NORTH?
NO. WE CAN'T AFFORD THAT.
WE'RE WANTED CRIMINALS IN EZO AND MATSUMAE.


IT WAS NICE BEING PART OF ITTO-RYU, BUT
WE'LL GO SOUTH
YESTERDAY, WE TALKED ABOUT BOARDING A DUTCH SHIP
WHAT BULLSHIT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

AH, RIGHT HE'S A MISSIO-NARY
UH, NO

HE'S A MIXED BLOOD
THIS AIN'T BULLSHIT IF ISAKU CAN MANAGE TO PASS OFF AS A DUTCH, IT MIGHT JUST WORK

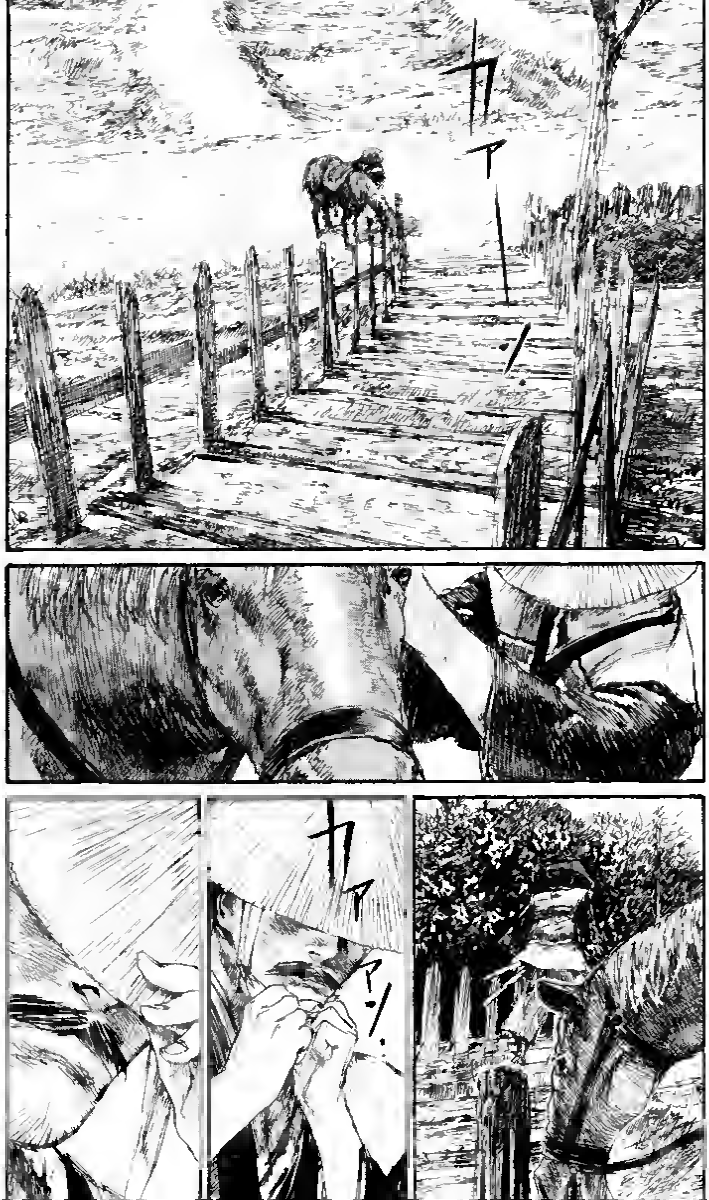
WHEN WE LEFT EZO, DOA AND I
ALSO ABANDONED OUR GODS
MANY PEOPLE WERE HURT IN THE NAME OF IT
I EVEN ABDICATED MY FAMILY NAME, "YASUNOOKAMI," WHICH I GOT FROM MY FATHER
...?
*JESUS' WOLF
I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, RIN

WHAT IS THIS...?
HM?
HERE, THIS IS FOR YOU
MY MOTHER GAVE ME TWO OF THEM, SO THE SECOND ONE IS MY GIFT TO YOU
...AND THEY ASK THE MAN THEY LOVE TO ALWAYS CARRY IT
IN MY HOMELAND, THE GIRLS START CARVING A NICE PATTERN INTO IT WHEN THEY REACH THE AGE OF MARRIAGE
I CAN DO WITHOUT ADVICE FROM LITTLE KIDS!
I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU, RIN. YOU'RE ALREADY 17, IT'S ABOUT TIME
THE MAN THEY LOVE

YOU HAVE TO ADORN THE GRIP AND CASING.
I STARTED FOR YOU.
SOME-THING'S ALREADY CARVED INTO IT!
EH? BUT ...
...I DESIGNED ...
YOU KNOW ...
IT MEANS, "THERE'LL BE A REUNION" ...
...THAT PATTERN MYSELF.

MANJI?!
WHERE DID YOU SUDDENLY APPEAR FROM?!
I FOLLOWED YOU THE WHOLE TIME
THEY'RE GONE
YES
...
BUT YOU SAID A ONE-ARMED MAN WOULD LOOK TOO CONSPICUOUS
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING?
WHAT FOR? I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY
...
THEY'RE LIKE US
AND THOSE TWO...?
AND...?

OH, REALLY?
WHATEVER! LET'S GO BACK!
NO, THANKS
I'LL FEED YOU
HEY, MANJI, WE SHOULD EAT SOMETHING
EH?
IT'S "YASU NO O-KAMI"*
"YASU-NOOKA-MI"
AAAAH!
*GOD'S JESUS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RYO!
MASTER HABAKI!

HUFF!
LISTEN, RYO!
THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED
YOU DON'T HAVE TO CALL ME THAT ANYMORE.
REALLY ?

I'M HAPPY TO HEAR THAT, FATHER
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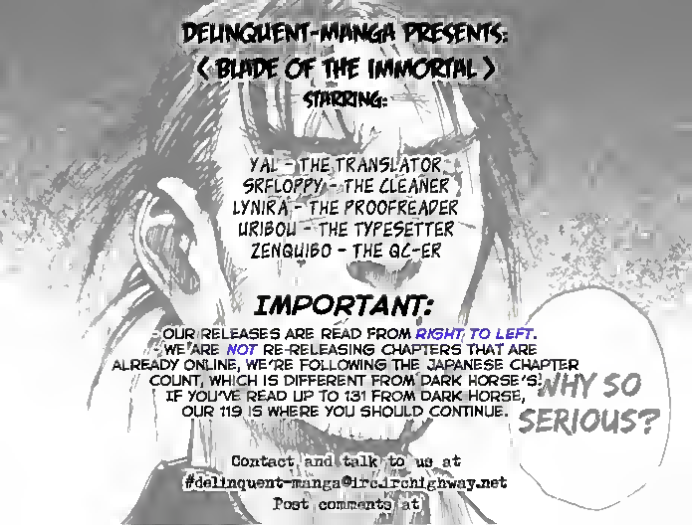
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CHAPTER 136:
DEMON'S HOWL

YES.
IS SAKUTARO OKAY?
DON'T BOTHER, RYO!
NO TEA LEAVES
HOT WATER IS ENOUGH
FATHER
THERE WAS NO TIME TO MOURN RYO'S DEATH, I SHOULD'VE DONE AT LEAST THAT

PLEASE, FORGIVE ME THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO BE HERE
IT MUST'VE BEEN HARD FOR YOU
THESE WORDS WOULD MAKE MOTHER HAPPY
SORRY
YOU VERY WELL KNOW THAT, FATHER
NOT AT ALL
EYO...!

I HAVE TO COMMIT SEPUKKU
I SEE
MR. MITAKE TOLD ME
I ASKED MITAKE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU
AFTER MY DEATH, HE WILL TAKE YOU IN AS HIS FOSTER DAUGHTER

BUT I'M SO SORRY, FATHER
YOU ONLY
EXCUSE ME
DON'T CRY!
DID THIS FOR THE GOVERN-MENT.
BUT NOBODY FROM THE COUNCIL
...TOOK THAT INTO ACCOUNT
IF ONLY I HAVE TO DIE FOR IT, WE GET AWAY FINE
NO WONDER...
IT WASN'T ONLY ABOUT THE FUKIAGE INCIDENT. THEY MANAGED TO BREAK INTO THE PALACE, LIGHT IT ON FIRE, AND START A FLOOD

BUT DIDN'T YOU CONDUCT THEM FOR THE GOVERNMENT?
NO
FOR THE HOUSE OF TOKUGAWA!
THE IMMORTALITY EXPERIMENTS WERE THE TRIGGER?
YES
I
WHEN I LEARNED OF THESE EXPERIMENTS, I IMMEDIATELY KNEW
TO ENSURE THE PEACE
...AND WHOM YOU REALLY WANTED TO MAKE IMMORTAL.
I KNOW YOU WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE
I KNEW WHY YOU DID THEM, FATHER

THE SHOGUN!
IENARI TOKUGAWA!

297 HUMANS
HM?
THAT'S HOW MANY DIED DURING THE EXPERIMENTS.
I SUSPECTED
...THAT THE EXPERIMENTS WOULDN'T ACHIEVE THE DESIRED RESULT.
THE BLOOD OF THE IMMORTAL HAD TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE BLOOD OF THE TEST SUBJECT
TO FIND OUT WHETHER THE BLOOD IS COMPATIBLE OR NOT IS DANGEROUS ENOUGH
IF WE HAD ACHIEVED IMMORTALITY, IT WOULD BE A DIFFERENT STORY
BUT I COULDN'T SUBJECT HIS HIGHNESS TO SUCH A DANGEROUS TEST
WHEN I REALIZED THAT, I SHOULD'VE STOPPED
THEN 250 OF THEM WOULD STILL BE ALIVE
SO MANY DEATHS... I SHOULDN'T OUTLIVE THEM

HEHE
...
THE EYE IS IMPORTANT

FATHER
FATHER!
PLEASE STAY HERE TONIGHT!
OTHERWISE, I WON'T BE ABLE TO BEAR THAT...
...WE'LL NEVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN...

YOU ALWAYS CRY.
I
I DON'T HAVE TO COMMIT SEPPUKU IMMEDIATELY THEY GAVE ME ONE MONTH
I HAVE TO SET A FEW THINGS STRAIGHT I CAN'T DIE BEFORE THAT.
LUCKILY, I STILL HAVE MY RESERVE TROOPS
THE ONES I TRAINED SINCE THEY WERE CHILDREN

YES, I REMEMBER
I REMEMBER IT LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY.
HM... REALLY...! DID I MENTION THEM TO YOU?
YOU TOLD ME ABOUT THEM ONCE
"ROKKI."
YOU CALLED THEM
THEY WILL SUCCEED THE MUGAI-RYU.

I TRIED TO FIND MORE PEOPLE WHO ARE EVEN BETTER SUITED TO FIGHT
BUT THEY AREN'T YET GOOD ENOUGH TO ACT AS MY ARMS AND LEGS
I LOST ONE OF THEM JUST YESTERDAY
HOW ARE YOU PLANNING TO REPLACE HIM?
I HAVE TO REPLACE HIM SOME-HOW...
THAT MUST BE VERY ANNOYING FOR YOU, AS YOU DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME
OOM

I BEG OF YOU, FATHER!
LET ME TAKE HIS PLACE!

MY SWORD MAY NOT BE GOOD ENOUGH TO BE DRAWN DURING THE DAY, BUT...
NINE YEARS AGO, I FIRST ASKED YOU TO TRAIN MY SWORD SKILLS! SINCE THEN, I HAVE TRAINED EVERY DAY, NO MATTER IF IT WAS SNOWING OR IF I WAS SICK, NOT EVEN ON THE DAY MOTHER DIED!
LET ME DRAW MY SWORD AS ONE OF THEM... LIKE LIGHTNING IN THE MOONLIGHT... LIKE A SPARK IN THE NIGHT.
...THESE PEOPLE TRAVEL AT DUSK!
YOUR TIME IN THE SHADOWS IS OVER
YOU THINK I NEED THE HELP OF A 17-YEAR-OLD?!
LISTEN...!
EYO
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE YOUR FATHER!
FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL LIVE AS MITAKE'S DAUGHTER, AS THE DAUGHTER OF A SAMURAI.

I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT, FATHER
BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE MITAKE'S FOSTER DAUGHTER
RYO!
I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST MR. MITAKE ...
BUT IF I CAN'T BE USEFUL TO YOU, THEN MY LIFE IS OF NO VALUE.
I WANT TO ACCOMPANY YOU ON YOUR LAST FIGHT, FATHER!
IF YOU REFUSE
PLEASE DON'T REFUSE MY REQUEST!
...THEN I WILL SLIT MY THROAT IN FRONT OF MITAKE ...
...ON THE DAY YOU DIE!
THAT SURELY WOULD BE UNPLEASANT FOR MITAKE

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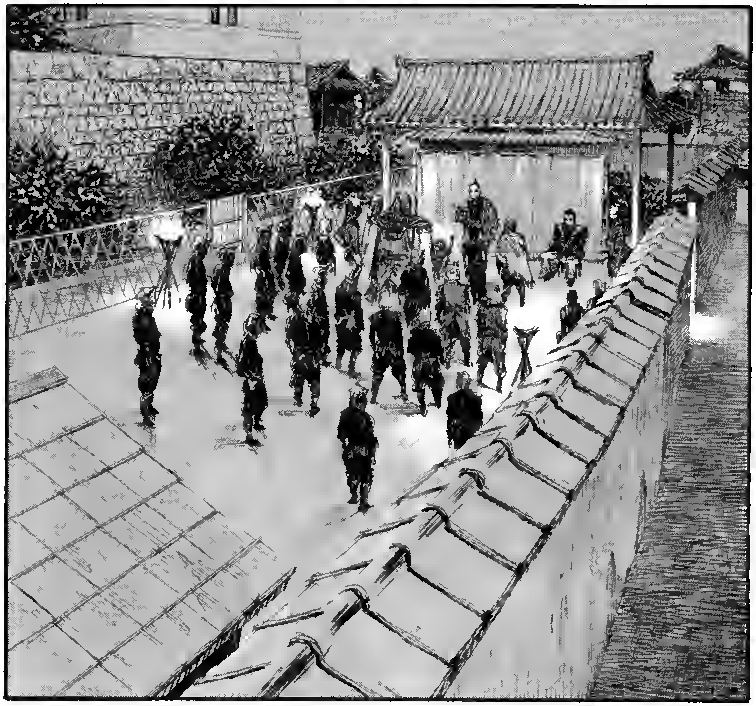
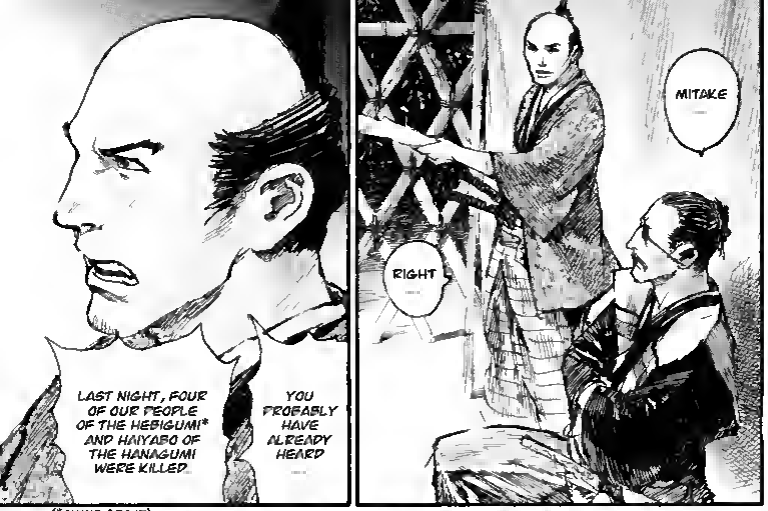
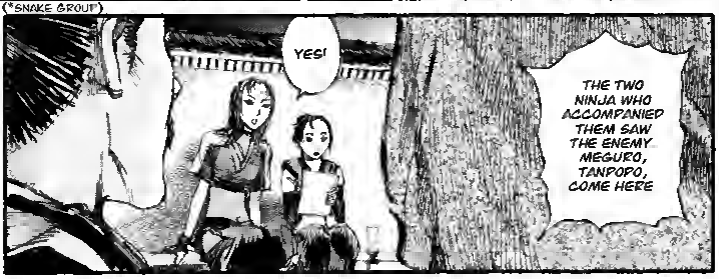
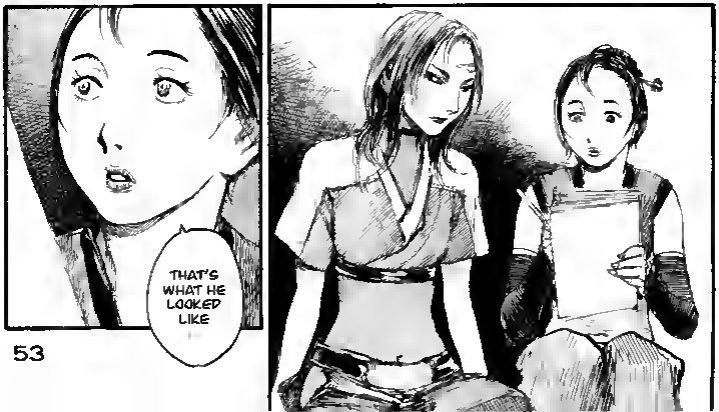


SHINHEI DOMA, SAME
SHISHIYA ARASHINO, SAME GROUP
ROKKI-DAN, HANAGUMI*, INROKU BAN!
(*SIX DEMON BAND, FLOWER GROUP)
RYO SOMA!
SHOZO MURASAKI
TARIESHIN HASSHU

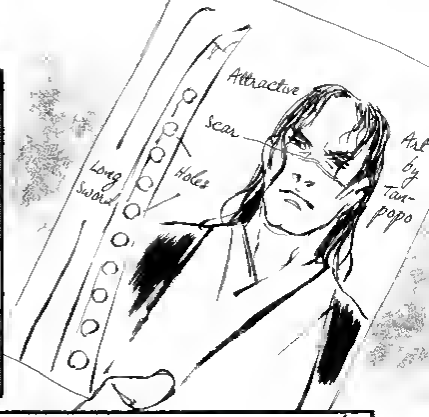

LAST NIGHT, FOUR OF OUR PEOPLE OF THE HEBIGUMI* AND HAIYABO OF THE HANAGUMI WERE KILLED
YOU PROBABLY HAVE ALREADY HEARD
RIGHT
MITAKE

(*SNAKE GROUP)


YES!
THE TWO NINJA WHO ACCOMPANIED THEM SAW THE ENEMY MEGURO, TANPOPO, COME HERE

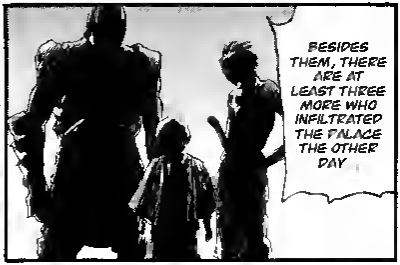

THAT'S WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE

THIS IS SUKE-ZANE BAEO
YOU ARE A GOOD ARTIST


Attractive
Scar
Holes
Long Sword
Art by Tan-popo

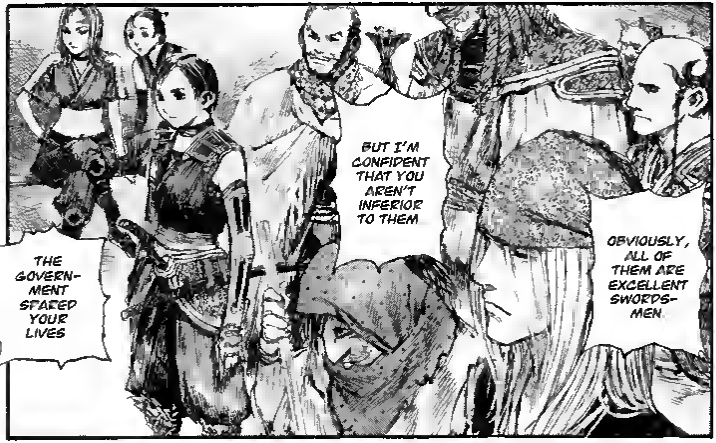
...HE IS ONE OF THE FOUR PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES AND FACES WE KNOW
...AND THEIR LEADER, KAGEHISA ANOTSU
WITH SOSUKE, ABAYAMA
TAITO MAGATSU

...AND ONE WHO MUST'VE GIVEN THEM THE PLANS


BESIDES THEM, THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE MORE WHO INFILTRATED THE PALACE THE OTHER DAY

...THE BEST OF THE FAMOUS SHINGYOTO-RYU FROM KAGA LAST FALL IN SUWA AT ONCE
AND LAST, THERE'S THE PERSON WHO KILLED

...CURRENTLY FORM THE ITTO-RYU
THESE NINE PEOPLE


THE GOVERNMENT SPARED YOUR LIVES
BUT I'M CONFIDENT THAT YOU AREN'T INFERIOR TO THEM
OBVIOUSLY, ALL OF THEM ARE EXCELLENT SWORDSMEN

NOT YET ...
THANKS IS NOT REQUIRED.

NO!
AS THANKS, YOU WILL USE YOUR BLADES

I'M KAGIMURA HABAKI, LEADER OF ROKKI-DAN
IF KAGEHISA ANOTSU, THE HEAD OF ITTO-RYU, IS STILL ALIVE AT THAT TIME
I HAVE ONE MONTH LEFT UNTIL I HAVE TO COMMIT SEPPUKU.
SO I HAVE 30 DAYS TO ANNIHILATE ITTO-RYU.
!?
YOUR SENTENCE WILL STILL BE EXECUTED.
THAT MEANS
THEN ROKKI-DAN WILL DIE WITH ME.

OTHERWISE ONE WILL GET EATEN...!
SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO CATCH A HUNTED MOUSE, HAS TO THINK LIKE A HUNTED MOUSE.
YOU ARE VERY LUCKY!
YOU ARE IN THE SAME POSITION AS YOUR ENEMIES!

HE WITHDREW TO A REMOTE HOUSE
べんっ
THE LEGS TO THE SEA, THE ARMS TO THE MOUNTAINS

...ALL THREE, ALL THREE, WENT TO THE OIDARA-MOUNTAINS STARVATION WAS NEAR
... AND THE HEAD TO THE SKY. THAT'S WHERE THEY DISAPPEAR IF YOU LISTEN TO THE OLD STORIES...

HEY, ANYONE HOME?
IT SAYS PEOPLE JUST ARRIVED
FROM THE TWO OLD ONES
I BRING A MESSAGE
LOOK HERE!
WHAT NOW? SHOULD WE TALK SOMEWHERE ELSE?
UNDERSTOOD LET'S GO!

I'LL BE BACK IN THE EVENING.

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…
CHAPTER 136
END

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‹ BLADE OF THE IMMORTAL ›

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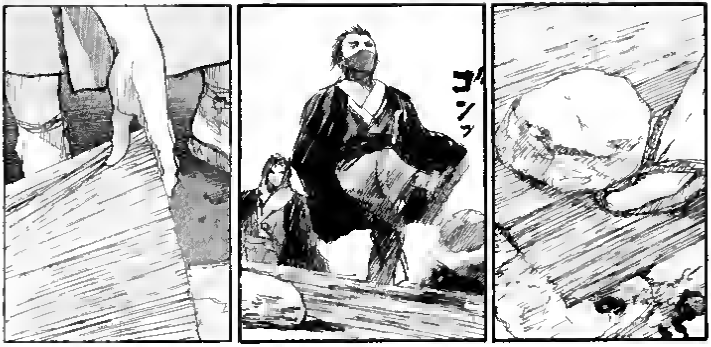
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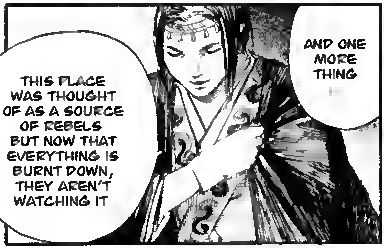
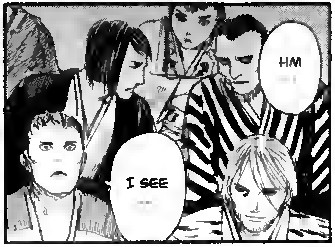
THANK YOU FOR TRAVELLING THIS LONG DISTANCE TO COME HERE.
I'M KAGEHISA ANOTSU, LEADER OF THE ITTO-RYU.

I DON'T DOUBT THAT THIS IS INDEED YOUR HEADQUARTERS, BUT WHAT HAPPENED HERE?!
EVERY-THING IS BURNT DOWN! WHAT HAVOC! THE TYRANNY FROM THE SHOGUNATE!
ANOTSU
BEFORE WE INTRODUCE OURSELVES, I HAVE A QUESTION
NO, THAT WAS OUR OWN DOING
WHY?!
WHAT?!
THEY DEEMED US TO BE REBELS, WHAT HAPPENED WAS UNFOR-TUHATE
BUT ONLY FOOLS WOULD DO NOTHING WHEN FACED WITH SUCH DANGER
WE ARE THE LAST SPARK AMONG THE ASHES
IF THE SPARK STAYS IN ONE PLACE
AS YOU KNOW, ITTO-RYU LOST
...MOST OF ITS MEMBERS LAST FALL DUE TO A PURGE ORDER FROM THE SHOGUN

THEN IT'S EASILY EXTINGUISHED
BUT IF YOU SCATTER IT, IT MAY CAUSE A CONFLAGRATION, AS LONG AS EVERYONE KEEPS HIS OWN FIRE BURNING
WE BURNT DOWN OUR DOJO TO SHOW OUR DETER-MINATION


AND ONE MORE THING
THIS PLACE WAS THOUGHT OF AS A SOURCE OF REBELS BUT NOW THAT EVERYTHING IS BURNT DOWN, THEY AREN'T WATCHING IT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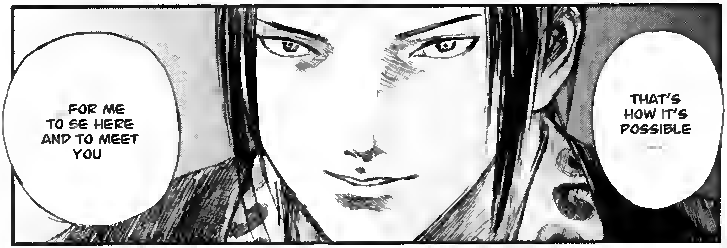
I SEE


THAT'S HOW IT'S POSSIBLE
FOR ME TO BE HERE AND TO MEET YOU

THEN LET US ALL EXPLAIN WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY
WE NO

VERY CLEVER, I'M IM-PRESSED
OKAY

ONE EVENING, A MAN KNOCKED ON OUR DOOR. HE SAID WAS A WANDERING MONK.
MY NAME IS KUNIMITSU AMON. I OWN THE BIGGEST DOJO IN SAGAMI-YAMATO AND AM VERY PROUD OF MY STUDENTS. OUR SCHOOL'S NAME IS NAGAJO-RYU.
HE HUMBLY ASKED FOR A PLACE TO STAY.
BUT ONCE HE CAME INSIDE, HIS BEHAVIOR DRASTICALLY CHANGED.
PARDON MY INSOLENCE, BUT LET ME BEGIN WITH MY STORY...!
IF NONE OF YOU WINS AGAINST ME, THEN THIS DOJO WILL BELONG TO ITTO-RYU!
I'M MONK BOA OF ITTO-RYU!
I WANT TO FIGHT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU.

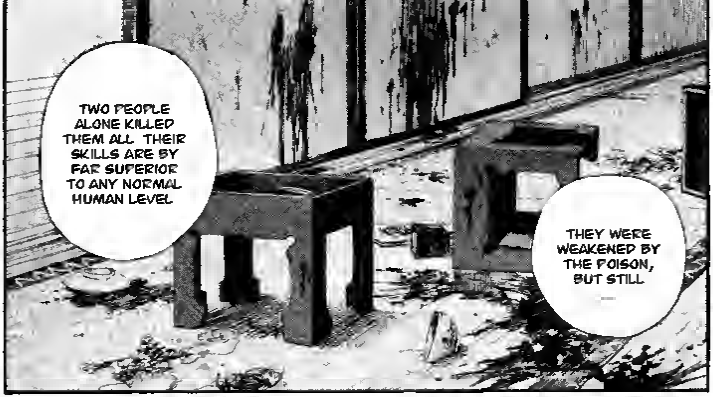
THROW HIM OUT!
OUR MASTER DIDN'T RESPOND TO HIS THREAT.
IN THE EVENING BASICALLY EVERY MEMBER IS AT THE DOJO IT'S THE MOST ACTIVE TIME
WE THOUGHT HE WAS CRAZY...
AT LEAST YOU DIDN'T RUN AWAY!
BUAHA HAHA HA!
THE DOJO WAS IN THE HANDS OF A MADMAN.
WITHIN SECONDS, EVERYONE WAS LYING ON THE FLOOR. BEATEN THE STUDENTS, THE ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS AND EVEN OUR MASTER
MY ANGER HAD ALREADY EVAPORATED
BUT WHEN BOA REQUESTED SUPPORT FROM EDO
THE SIGN WAS CHANGED.
BUT NOT EVERYONE THOUGHT LIKE ME...
THE SWORD SKILLS OF ITTO-RYU ARE UN-MATCHED. THE RESURRECTION OF THE WAY OF THE SAMURAI WAS AT HAND

IT DIDN'T TAKE A DAY FOR THE SIGN TO BE TORN DOWN
ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WAS THAT HE HATED DISCUSSIONS INSTEAD HE DRANK AND TRIED TO CONVINCE PEOPLE BY FORCE
BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT INTRIGUE, HE HAD TO LEAVE FOR EDO HE DID NOT RETURN
TO BE HONEST, MORE THAN HALF OF THEM WERE AGAINST HIM
BUT, MASTER ANOTSU ...
THIS WAS HOW I WANTED TO BE ABLE TO FIGHT WHEN I WAS YOUNG
HE WAS BOLD BUT ALSO SUBTLE HE WAS SUPERIOR TO US.
INTO MY MEMORY
HIS SWORD STYLE WAS BURNT

TO ACHIEVE THAT, I'M WILLING TO PART WITH EVERYTHING ELSE
AND I STILL STRIVE FOR THAT TODAY!
YATSUSHIBA OF TAISUTE-RYU
...KODA AND KATSUMATA FROM NANGAI-ITTO-RYU
THIS IS MISTER KUROHIRO FROM MY SCHOOL
THESE TWO ARE SATAKE AND ARIUSU FROM JINEN-RYU
...AND ALSO MAIRA, SHINADA, AND YATOIN OF SHINTOSHIN-RYU.
WE ARE READY TO GIVE OUR LIVES AT ANY TIME. PLEASE ALLOW US THE HONOR OF JOINING ITTO-RYU!
WE ARE DEDICATED TO YOU SINCE OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH ITTO-RYU

KAGE-HISA
DID YOU HEAR?
KAGIMURA HABAKI HAS TO COMMIT SEPPUKU
YES ...
WHATEVER THE REASON IS, IT'S KINDA SAD ...
BUT FOR YOU, MISTER ABAYAMA, IT MIGHT BE ...
SATIS-FYING

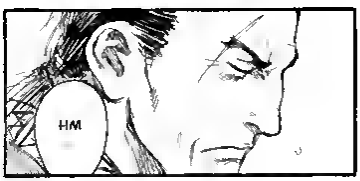
LISTEN, ABA-YAMA
THE MONK BOA, THE PERSON THEY SPOKE OF, DID ATTEND THE BANQUET OF DEATH
I DON'T FEEL LIKE THAT AT ALL
!
THAT MAYBE THEY LET YOU LIVE ON PURPOSE?
...WHY YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO SURVIVED?
DID YOU EVER ASK YOURSELF
BUT THE OTHERS WERE TRAINED AS WELL.
YOU ARE AN EXCELLENT FIGHTER; YOU ARE NO SHAME FOR ITTO-RYU.
I KNOW YOUR FIGHTING STYLE FROM WHEN I WAS LITTLE ...


TWO PEOPLE ALONE KILLED THEM ALL. THEIR SKILLS ARE BY FAR SUPERIOR TO ANY NORMAL HUMAN LEVEL
THEY WERE WEAKENED BY THE POISON, BUT STILL

TO DESTROY THE GROWING OPPOSITION, THE SHOGUN CHOSE FIGHTERS OF UNBELIEVABLE STRENGTH
COMPARED TO THEM, WE WERE FOOLISH
AND SHALLOW

I WILL NEVER FORGIVE KAGIMURA HABAKI
HE BETRAYED US AND MURDERED MANY OF OUR COMRADES. I WILL KILL HIM, NO MATTER WHAT
ON THE OTHER HAND

ABA-YAMA
I THINK YOU WERE LEFT ALIVE TO DELIVER A MESSAGE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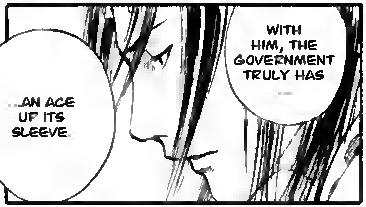
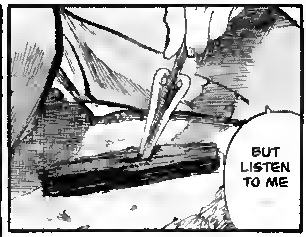
FIRST NE PASSED HIMSELF AS AN ALLY, AND THEN
HE'S SUPERIOR TO US IN STRENGTH AND IN CUNNING

I AM VERY HAPPY
WHAT AN INCREDIBLE PERSON HAS DECIDED TO FACE US!

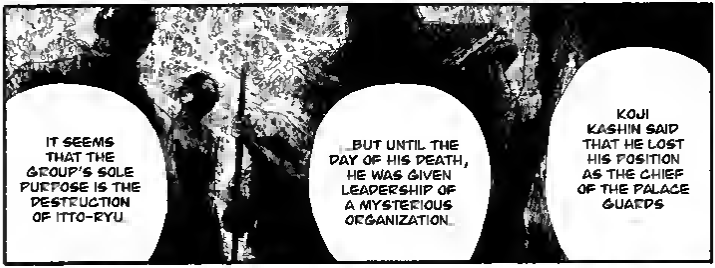

WITH HIM, THE GOVERNMENT TRULY HAS
AN ACE UP ITS SLEEVE

BUT NOW NE HAS TO COMMIT SEPPUKU
THE STUPIDITY OF MEN IS INFINITE


BUT LISTEN TO ME

NE WITHDREW AND ISN'T HUNTING ITTO-RYU ANYMORE
SO WHO WAS IT? WHO ATTACKED BARO?

HABAKI DIDN'T RETREAT.
YOU'RE WRONG, MAGATSU.

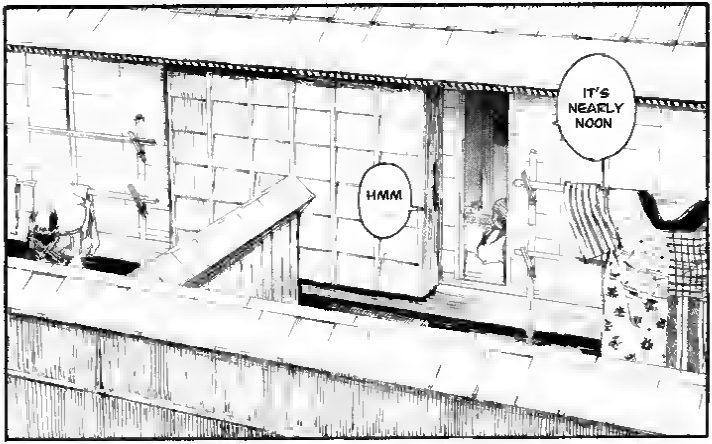

IT SEEMS THAT THE GROUP'S SOLE PURPOSE IS THE DESTRUCTION OF ITTO-RYU.
...BUT UNTIL THE DAY OF HIS DEATH, HE WAS GIVEN LEADERSHIP OF A MYSTERIOUS ORGANIZATION.
KOJI KASHIN SAID THAT HE LOST HIS POSITION AS THE CHIEF OF THE PALACE GUARDS

...HUNTING US.
I SEE. SO HABAKI IS NOW

...?
HM

SAY, ABA-YAMA
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE SKILL LEVEL OF THE PEOPLE WE JUST MET?
HM?
THEY WON'T BE ON OUR LEVEL AFTER TEN DAYS, WILL THEY?
IMPOS-SIBLE! FORGET IT!
SOME MAYBE, BUT
OKAY GET BARO AND TRAIN THEM
WITH THEIR ARRIVAL, ONE THING HAS BECOME CLEAR
IT'S GETTING SERIOUS
NOW WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN VENT OUR ANGER ON THE GOVERN-MENT

MAGATSU
ドン
WHAT'S YOUR PLAN...?
WE'LL CREATE A RUCKUS.

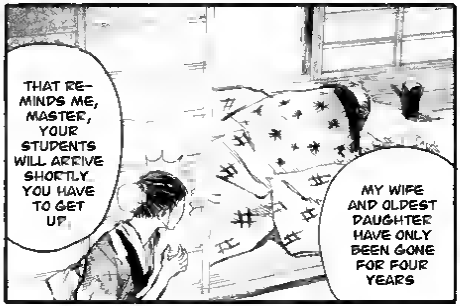

IT'S NEARLY NOON
HMM

HALF FULL IS ENOUGH
WATER, OKAY

OH, TATSU
PLEASE FILL THIS CAN WITH WATER

HELLO, MASTER SORI!
SORRY!
I CONFUSED YOU... NAMES AGAIN.
AH, IT DOESN'T MATTER.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S ALREADY BEEN HALF A MONTH
I JUST CAN'T GET USED TO IT
HAHA! THAT CONSOLES ME A LITTLE!
IF YOU WOULD GET USED TO IT TOO QUICKLY, I'M SURE TATSU WOULD BE SAD.

BUT, MASTER SORY
THERE ARE A LOT OF STRANGE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD
THAT SOMEONE ACTUALLY MARRIED THAT GIRL WITH THE DIRTY MOUTH
AS A BRIDE, THERE'S NOTHING TO HOLD AGAINST HER


THAT REMINDS ME, MASTER, YOUR STUDENTS WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY YOU HAVE TO GET UP
MY WIFE AND OLDEST DAUGHTER HAVE ONLY BEEN GONE FOR FOUR YEARS

SHE TOOK CARE OF HIM FOR FIVE YEARS, AFTER ALL...

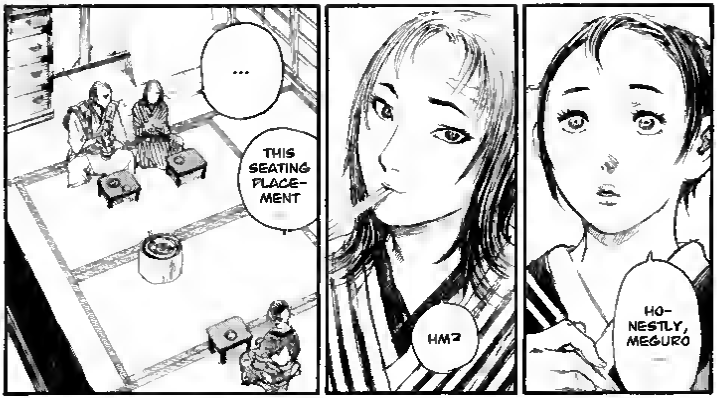
OTHERWISE, I WOULD'VE HAD TO EAT THE HORRIBLE SLOP MADE BY THAT ONE GIRL
THAT'S A RELIEF
WHO HAS THE BAD MOUTH, NOW?

IT'S THAT LATE?
WHAT?!

I COOKED POTATOES FOR YOU THREE

MAY WE ENTER?
DON'T PUSH SO MUCH!
DON'T PUSH!
GOOD DAY, MASTER!
DAMN, SHE'S HERE
HELLO! I'M LEAVING
YOU DIDN'T EAT ANYTHING YET, DID YOU...? YOU WANT TO JOIN?
HELLO, RIN

YOU CAN SET THE TABLE AND WASH THE DISHES
HM? YES!
YES, MASTER!
I'LL COOK
...
SORRY
NOT NECESSARY, RIN ALREADY COOKED
HEY, RIN, YOU AREN'T GOING TO EAT ANYTHING?
SEE YA!
SO, SEE YOU!
AH, THANKS!
HERE ARE THE DRAWINGS YOU ASKED FOR
I HAVE TO RING MANJI HIS FOOD.
NO.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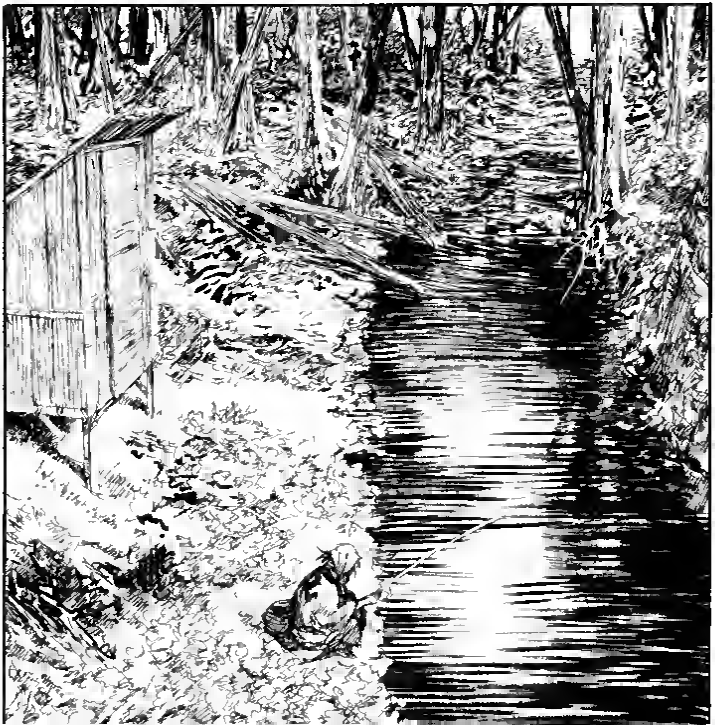
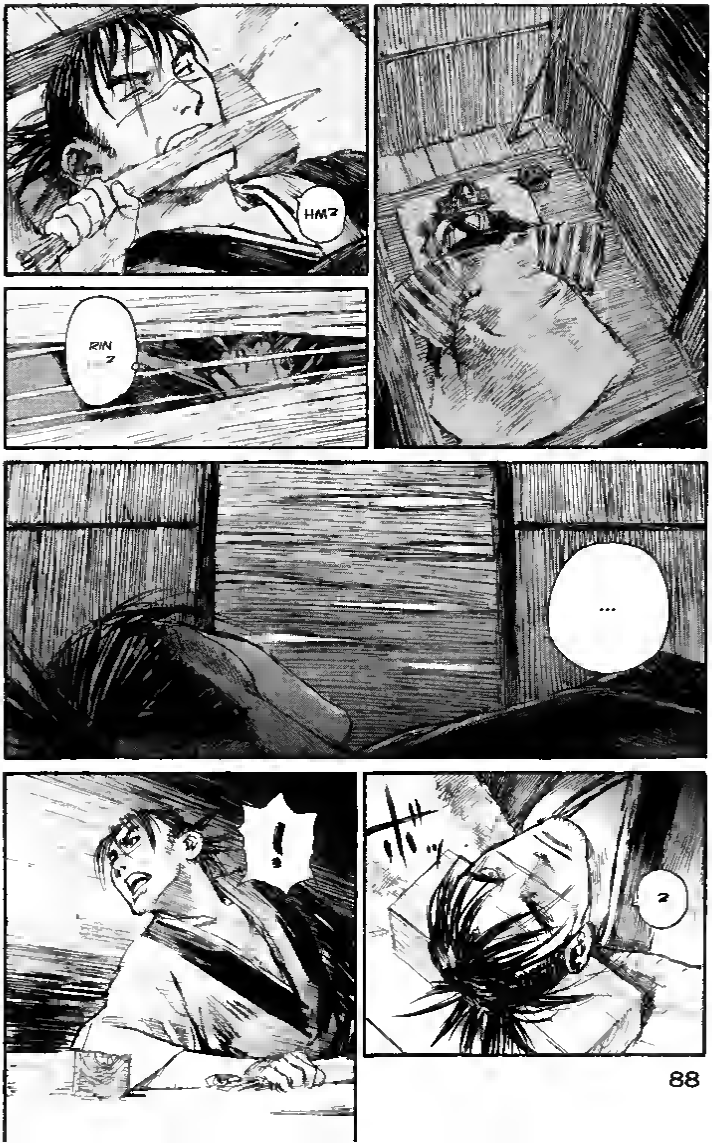
THIS SEATING PLACE-MENT
HM?
HO-NESTLY, MEGURO



AND THE FISH WON'T BITE...!
SO COLD...!
ABOUT TIME THAT RIN COMES WITH THE FOOD...
BUT THANKS TO HARAKI, I NEVER WAS ABLE TO...
NORMALLY, I WOULD'VE MADE PREPARATIONS FOR WINTER...
I NEVER MANAGED TO CATCH ANYTHING THERE EITHER...
SHOULD I GO BACK TO MY PREVIOUS HUT? NO...
TIME TO EAT...
NO MORE FISHING!
TZZ!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RIN
...
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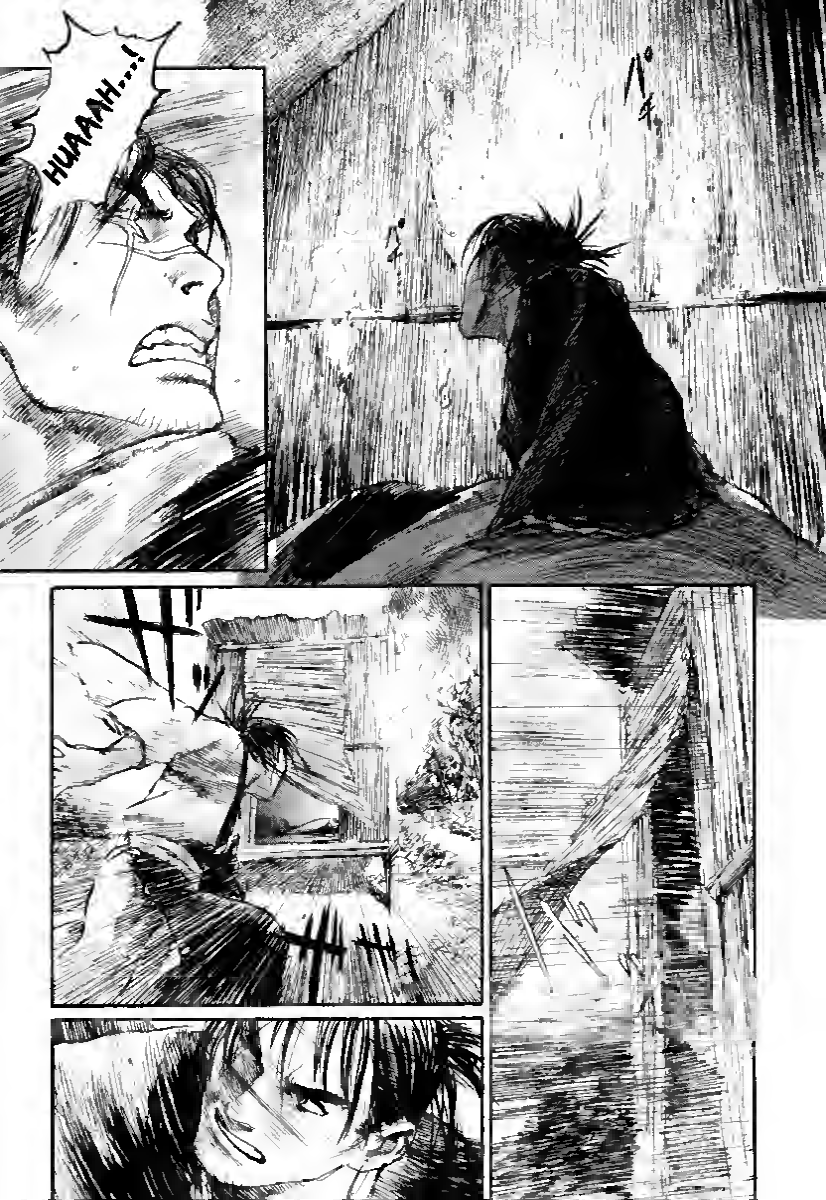
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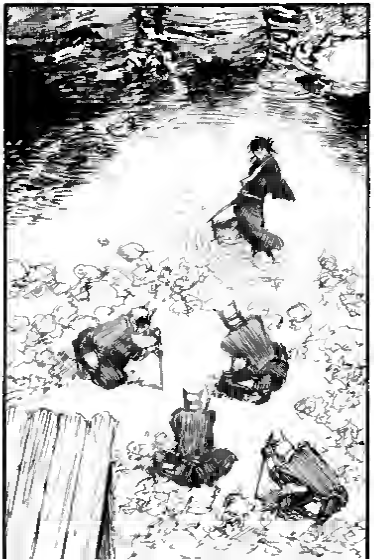

I SEE. THE CLOSE SEASON FOR
GUINEA PIGS IS OVER

HEHE HE...!
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CHAPTER 137 | END

DELINQUENT-MANGA PRESENTS:

< BLADE OF THE IMMORTAL >

STARRING:

YAL - THE TRANSLATOR
LYNIRA - THE PROOFREADER
SRFLOPPY - THE CLEANER
URIBOU - THE TYPESETTER
ZENQUIBO - THE QC-ER

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- WE ARE *NOT* RE-RELEASING CHAPTERS THAT ARE ALREADY ONLINE, WE'RE FOLLOWING THE JAPANESE CHAPTER COUNT, WHICH IS DIFFERENT FROM DARK HORSE'S. IF YOU'VE READ UP TO 131 FROM DARK HORSE, OUR 119 IS WHERE YOU SHOULD CONTINUE.

WHY SO SERIOUS?

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CHAPTER 138: VISIT
– PART 2 –

Art by Tan-popo
Attractive
scar
Holes
Long sword
ASKING THE VILLAGERS PAID OFF
WE FOUND HIM FASTER THAN I EXPECTED
YES
OUR SURPRISE ATTACK CAUGHT HIM OFF GUARD
YES
LOOK! HE'S GOT NEITHER A LONG NOR A BROAD SWORD
DAMN IT! WHAT ARE YOU IDIOTS TALKING ABOUT ...?!
YES
WE CAN TAKE HIM ON ALONE, RIGHT?
EASILY

DON'T BE ANGRY, SUKEZANE BARO!
BUT YOU KILLED FIVE OF OUR COMRADES!
WE CAN'T LET YOU ESCAPE UNHARMED!
I HAVE NO IDEA
WHO YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

GO TO HELL AND ASK THE DEVIL!

Attractive
Scar
Hole
Long Sword
...
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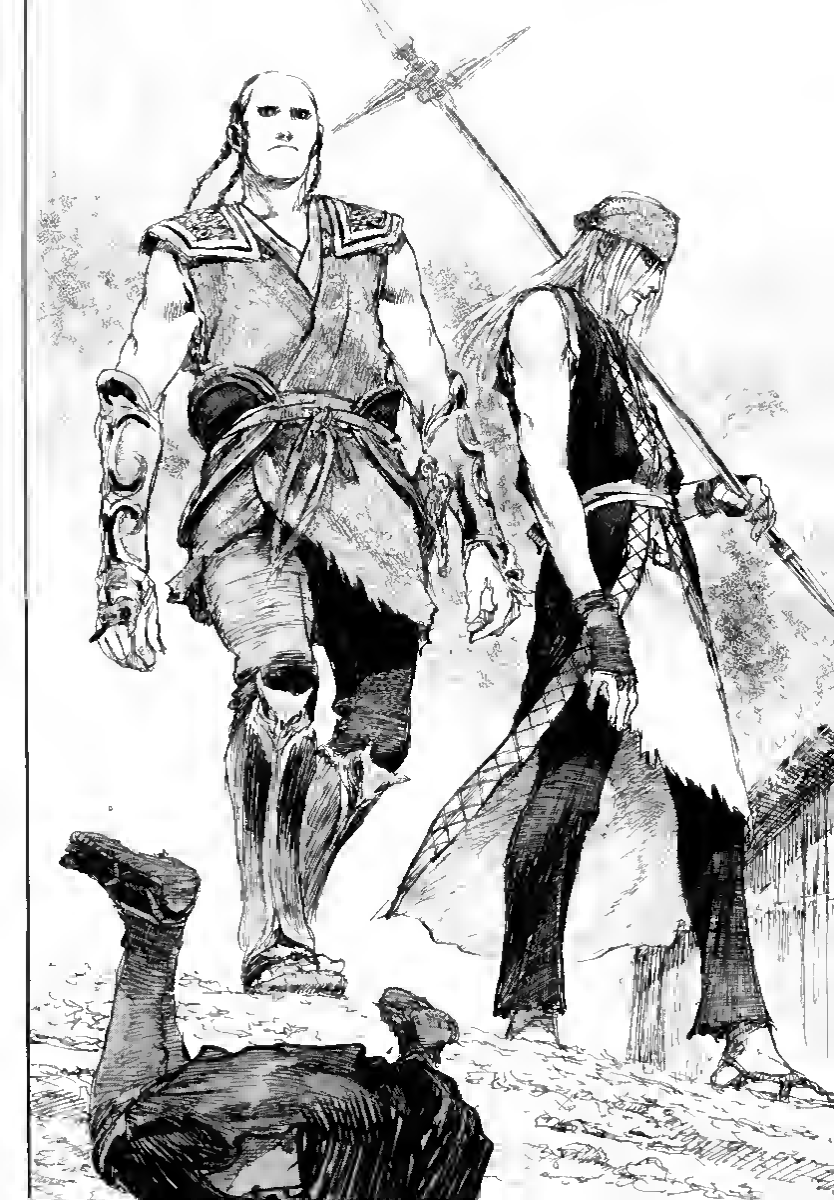
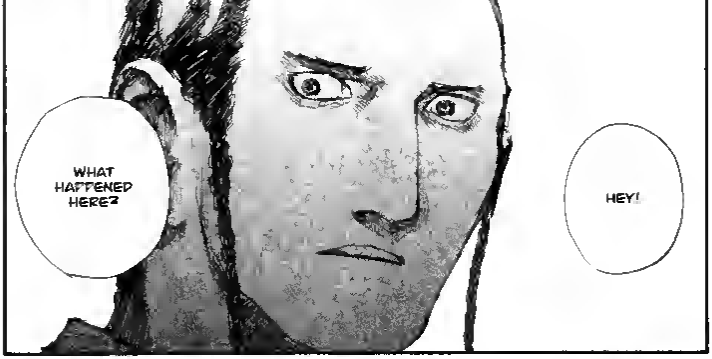
HOW SHOULD I KNOW ?!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR LONG SWORD ?!
WHAT KIND OF WEAPON IS THAT ?!
HE... HE... HEY...!

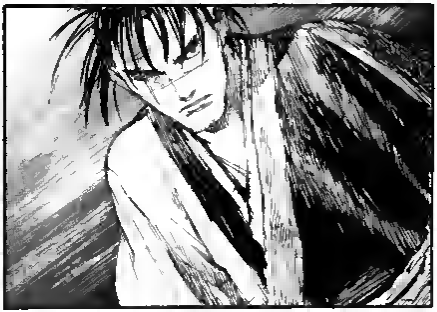
HNGH!
DAMN IT...!
BUAAH!
HUAAH!

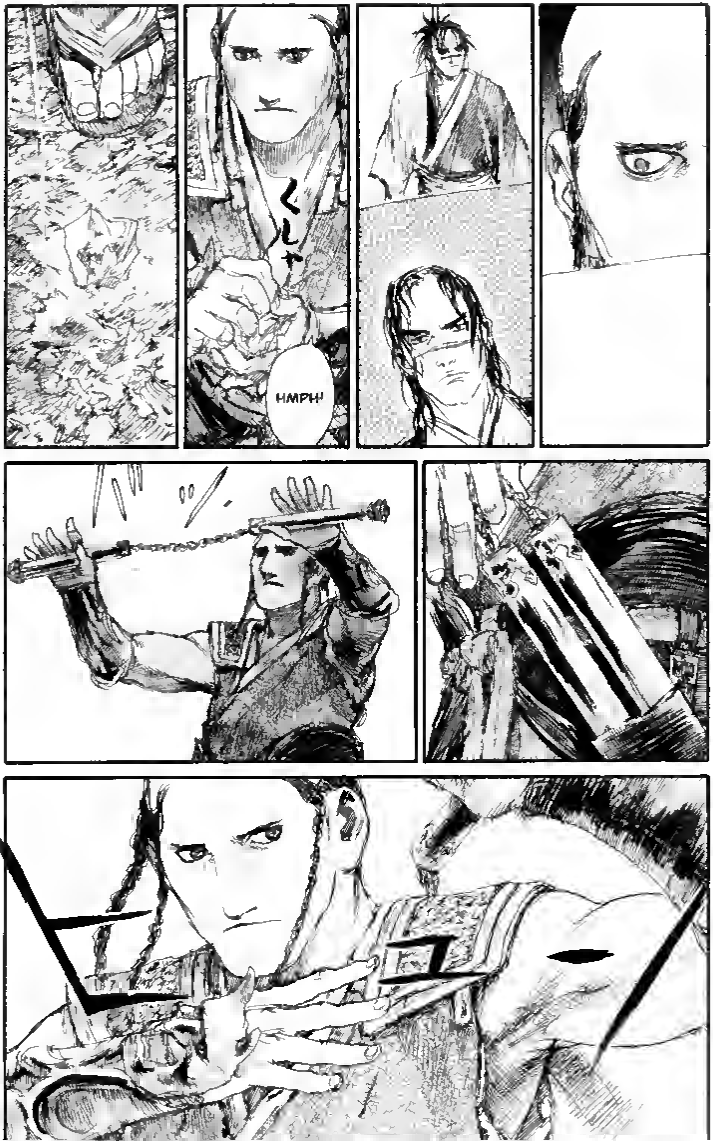
ASS-HOLES!
IT WASN'T EASY TO BUILD THIS HUT WITH JUST ONE ARM!
AND YOU BURNT IT DOWN...!
HEY, STOP!
HELP!
HANA-GUMI! I HAVE TO...!
DAMN...!
ARGH!




WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
HEY!

WHY DID YOU ATTACK ON A WHIM?
IT WAS




HMPH!

HUA AH!
UU UUH ...

MANJI
!!

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER, RIN!
WAIT THERE!
...
!!
UAH!

HALT, STOP !!
ONE QUES-TION, OKAY?
ARE YOU SUKEZANE BARO OF ITTO-RYU?
DAMN! WHAT THE FUCK ?!
STOP, TARIESHIN! SHE CALLED HIM "MANJI"
HOW OFTEN DO I HAVE TO REPEAT MYSELF? I DON'T KNOW ANY SUKEZANE BARO!
THE "HUND-RED MAN KILLER" ?!
SO WHAT ?!

...

WHAT? WAIT A SECOND!
LET'S GO, TAKI-ESHIN!

TZZ!

DON'T GET COCKY!

FIRST YOU ALMOST KILL ME, AND NOW YOU DON'T EVEN SAY SORRY?!
I'LL CUT YOU TO PIECES!

AFTER ALL
BE HAPPY THAT YOU AREN'T OUR TARGET!
SOMEONE LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN WHEN HE'S BEING ATTACKED!

BUT THAT'S NOT IN OUR INTEREST
...YOU KILLED THREE OF OUR MEN. THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH REASON TO KILL YOU.

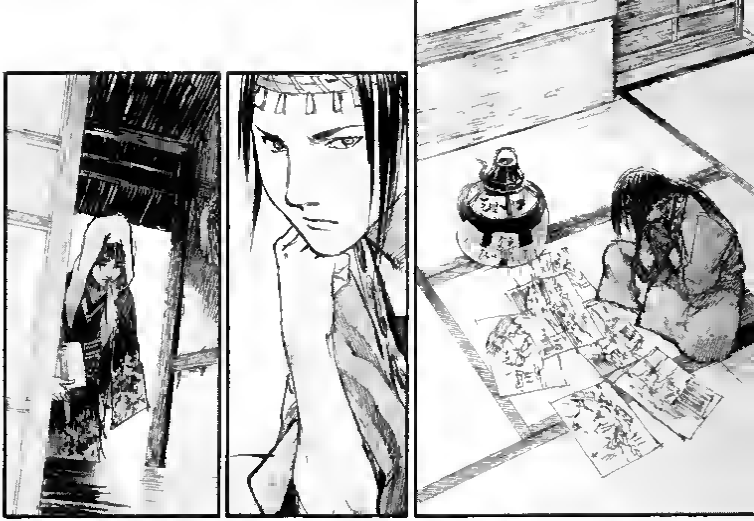
WELL, SEE YA
WE ARE CLOSER TO THE GIRL THAN YOU ARE. IF WE WERE TO FIGHT NOW
OR DO YOU WANT TO RISK IT?

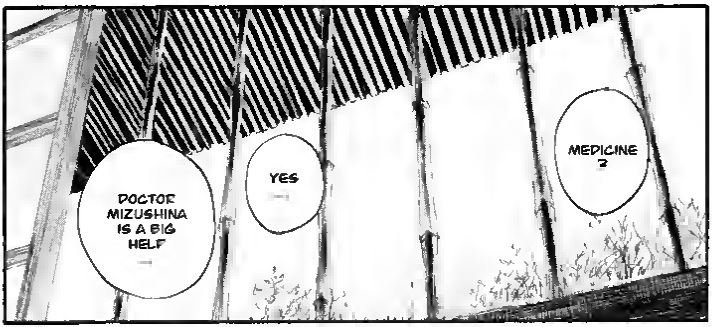
MANJI!

DAMN IT! NO TIME TO TALK!
MANJI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
THEY THOUGHT I WAS ITTO-RYU
IT LOOKED LIKE IT, BUT...
EH? THEY WEREN'T ITTO-RYU GUYS?
WHO WERE THEY?
WAIT, TATSU-MASAAA !!
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!
MOVE IT!
MANJI, YOU DON'T PLAN ON...?!

GRAAAH!
MANJI, YOUR HEAD IS ON FIRE!
FUCK! WHAT RUBBISH!

WOLF OF MUKOJIMA AND DOG OF CHIYODA! A MEETING ON A SHIP IS BEING REQUESTED, TO TALK. DATE AND PLACE: 10TH OF THE 12TH MONTH, ISHIHARA BRIDGE; SIGNED: UGEN HANABUSA, CHIEF OF THE PALACE GUARDS.
BLAH
BLAH
"WOLF OF MUKOJIMA" WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
WELL
THEY TALK ABOUT OUR LEADER
"WOLF OF MUKOJIMA AND DOG OF CHIYODA! A MEETING ON"




DOCTOR MIZUSHINA IS A BIG HELP
YES
MEDICINE?

YOU MEAN THE MIRACLE CURE BY ASAEMON?
NO ONE CAN DISPUTE HIS SKILL
DID YOU TRY THE MEDICINE I GAVE YOU?

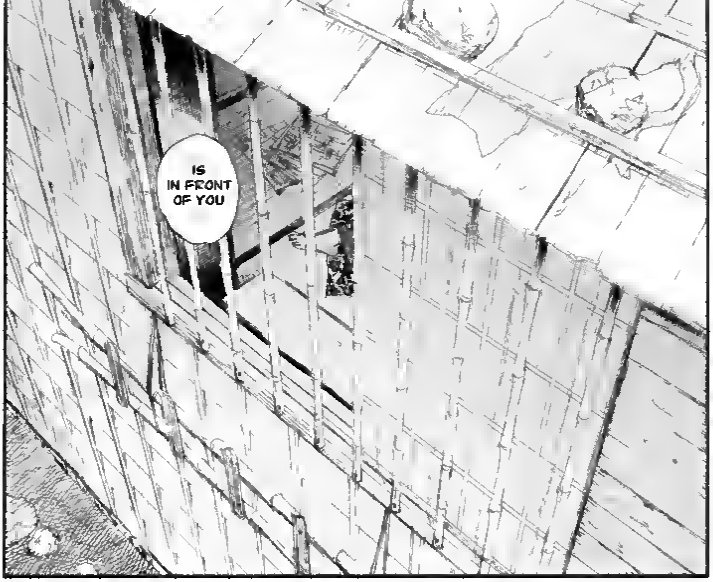
YES
DID YOU SEE THE SIGN?
AM I SUPPOSED TO EAT HUMAN LIVER...?
WILL YOU MEET HIM?
IT WAS SIGNED BY UGEN HANABUSA
HE'S THE NEW CHIEF OF THE PALACE GUARDS SO HE IS HABAKI'S SUCCESSOR
BEFORE IT STARTS, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHOM WE'RE FACING
YES, I INTEND TO
I THINK IT'S A TRAP
YES, PERHAPS
NO

WE WERE CARELESS
IF HE'S ABLE TO SET A TRAP FOR US
PERHAPS I WOULD PREFER IT IF IT WAS A TRAP
—IT WON'T GO THAT WAY
BUT, NOPE-FULLY
THEN IT'S NOT A BAD WAY TO DIE
...!!
?!
COUGH!

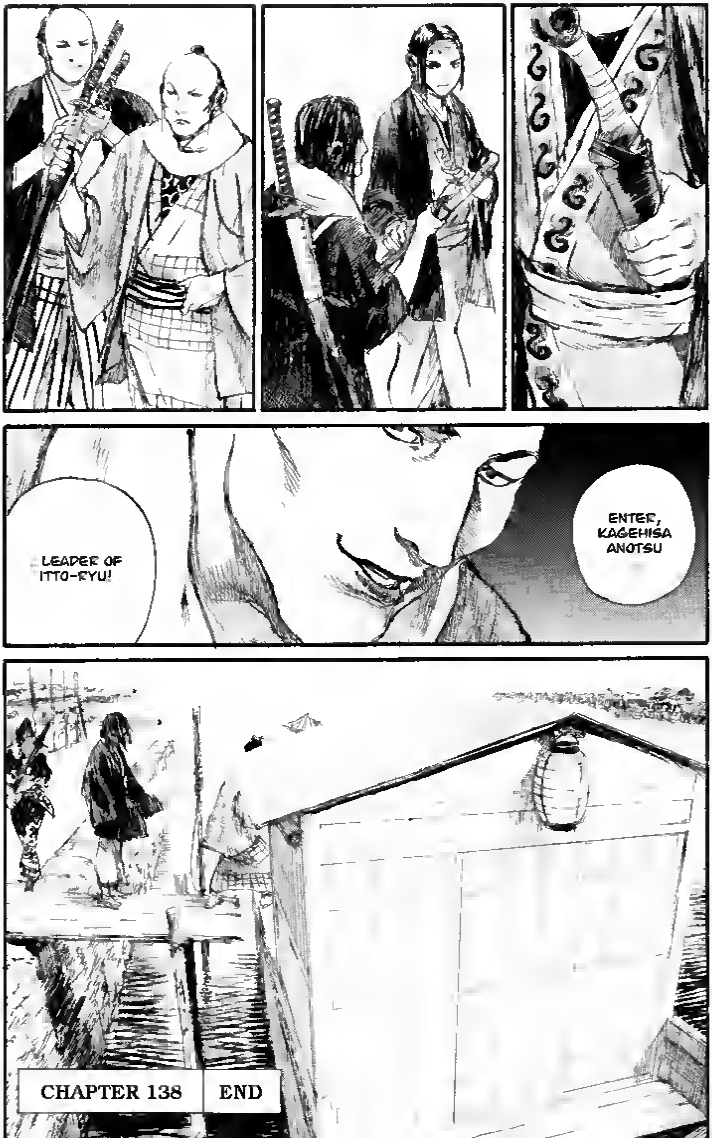
NO ...!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER ...!
MAKIE!
COUGH!
GACH ...
IT'S INFEC-TIOUS ...
AH ...!

HA...!
HA...!
HA...!
HA...!
THEY SAY IT'S NOT VERY CONTA-GIOUS
I TOLD YOU, IT'S CONTAGIOUS
...
BUT THEY ALSO SAY IT'S INCU-RABLE
MUST BE KARMA
MY PARENTS DIED OF THE SAME DISEASE
HEHE
THAT REMINDS ME OF SHIRA-KAWA

KAGEHISA
YOU'LL GET WELL AGAIN!
EVEN THE BEST DOCTOR CAN BE MISTAKEN!
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT!
IF KARMA CAUSED SICKNESS, THEN I WOULD BE DEAD!
HA!
HA!
HA!
YOUR WIFE
YOUR KARMA


IS
IN FRONT
OF YOU

HO, HO! LO AND BEHOLD!
IS SHE A WHORE OR A BEGGAR WOMAN?
THE ENEMY OF THE STATE HAS A WEAKNESS FOR WOMEN OF THAT CRAFT... I WOULDN'T HAVE SUSPECTED THAT...
DON'T MIND HIM.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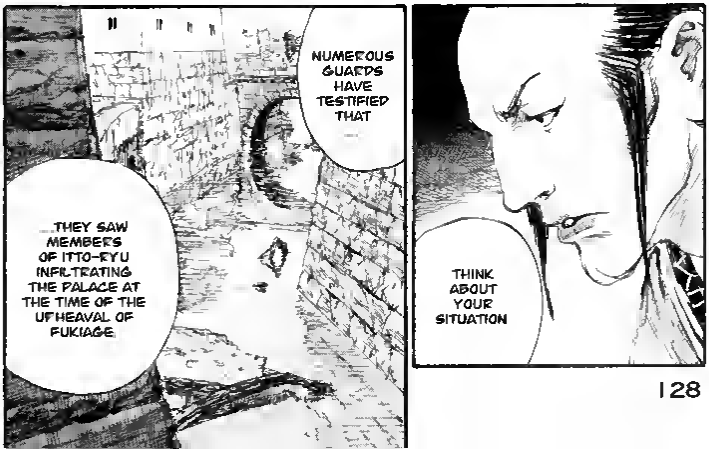
OH, THANKS !

NOW, ANOTSU, HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?
TO BE HONEST, I'M SURPRISED
A FEAST ON A PLEASURE BOAT TO GET RID OF SOMEONE?
SADLY, IT'S DURING THE WRONG SEASON.
IT'S TOO COLD TO OPEN THE WINDOWS. IF THE BOAT HAD A HEART, IT WOULD CRY.
YOU EMBARRASS ME, BUT YOU'RE TOTALLY RIGHT.
IF YOU HADN'T APPEARED, I WOULD'VE HAD TO CELEBRATE ON MY OWN. LUCKILY, WE MANAGED TO AVOID THE MIDDAY COLD.
DID YOU EXPECT ME TO COME?
NO, I THOUGHT YOU WOULDN'T.
HAHA, IS THAT SO...
THEN I WOULD HAVE SEEMED LIKE AN IDIOT.

NO, NO IF YOU HADN'T APPEARED, THEN I WOULD'VE CONTINUED WITH THE SIGNS
YOUR DOJO IS BURNT DOWN, AFTER ALL
HOW ELSE WAS I SUPPOSED TO FIND YOU?
I CAN GUESS WHAT WENT ON IN YOUR HEAD
YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A TRAP... THAT I HID ARCHERS.
THAT'S WHY YOU CAME HALF AN HOUR BEFORE OUR MEETING
THAT'S NO PROBLEM AT A LANDING SITE.
DID YOU FIND ANYONE?
NO
WE BOTH HANDED OUR WEAPONS OVER
AND WHAT DID I TELL YOU BEFORE WE SAT DOWN?
I COULD SIT DOWN WHEREVER I WANTED

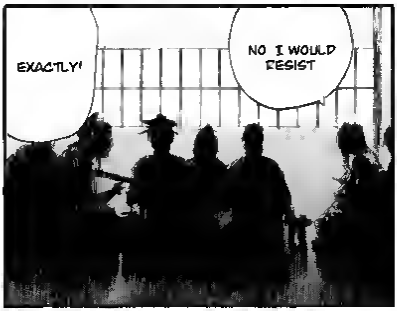
IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO POISON YOU THAT WAY
AND WE BOTH DRINK FROM THE SAME SAKE FITCHER
THAT'S CORRECT
I THINK THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT FACT
SO YOU DON'T PLAN AN AMBUSH?
HABAKI IS DETERMINED TO DESTROY ITTO-RYU
MISTER ANOTSU, I'M NOT LIKE KAGIMURA HABAKI
IF YOU COOPERATE, THEN I'M WILLING TO SPARE YOU
I THINK DIFFERENTLY

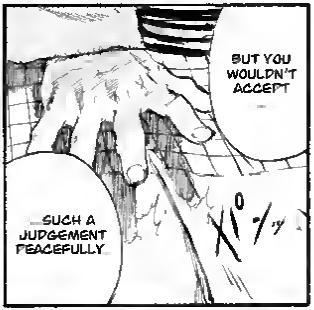
カッ!!
...ITTO-RYU WILL HAVE TO BE ELIMINATED.
...TO NEITHER OUR LORDS, SAMURAI, POLICE OFFICERS, NOR THE PEOPLE
OTHER-WISE
I WANT YOUR PROMISE THAT ITTO-RYU WILL NEVER AGAIN BE A DANGER.
COOPE-RATE...?


...THEY SAW MEMBERS OF ITTO-RYU INFILTRATING THE PALACE AT THE TIME OF THE UPHEAVAL OF FUKIAGE.
NUMEROUS GUARDS HAVE TESTIFIED THAT
THINK ABOUT YOUR SITUATION

HM... IF YOU ADMIT IT, THEN
MISTER ANOTSU
I'D LIKE TO PLAY DUMB, BUT I GUESS THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT?
A SURPRISINGLY MILD DECREE...!
...THE ORDER WAS GIVEN TO EXPEL ITTO-RYU FROM EDO
BECAUSE OF THE RECENT EVENTS
IF THERE WAS AN OFFICIAL DECREE, THINGS WOULD LOOK DIFFERENT!
YES, ONE COULD SAY THAT!
MILD?! HAHAHA...! MILD...!

EVERY MEMBER OF ITTO-RYU WOULD BE CONVICTED OF MURDER, AND YOUR SEVERED HEAD WOULD BE DISPLAYED AT THE PRISON GATE! YOUR FAMILY WOULD BE FINISHED AT ONCE


EXACTLY!
NO I WOULD RESIST


BUT YOU WOULDN'T ACCEPT
...SUCH A JUDGEMENT PEACEFULLY

AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT A FORCE TEN TIMES STRONGER.
SUPERIOR SKILL CAN ONLY GET YOU SO FAR. WE HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE TO OVERWHELM BY NUMBERS.

I DON'T WANT TO FOOL YOU ...
IF THE SHOGUNATE WAS SERIOUS IN DESTROYING ITTO-RYU, YOU WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IT'S OUR JOB TO KEEP PEACE.
EDO WILL NOT BECOME A FIGHTING GROUND THE IMPORTANT VASSALS OF THE SHOGUN MUST NOT BE HARMED.

KAGIMURA HABAKI'S MISMANAGEMENT WAS THE CAUSE OF THE UNREST.
THE COUNCIL TOOK THAT INTO ACCOUNT
WELL, MISTER ANOTSU, WILL YOU ACCEPT THE OFFER?

WHAT IF I SAY NO?
...
I WILL HOPE YOU WON'T TAKE THAT PATH
IF YOU HAVE TO BE SO RELENT-LESS
THEN I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE
THIS MEANS WAR
MY TWENTY UNITS AGAINST ITTO-RYU!

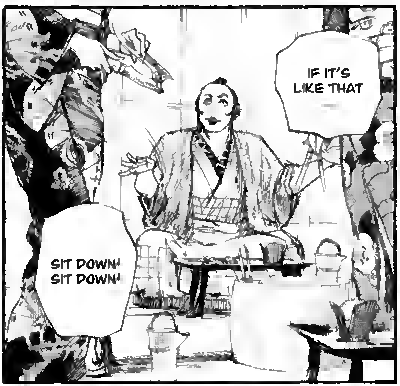
THAT'S NOT A QUESTION OF POSSIBILITY
I HAVE TO DO MY DUTY
YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE TO KILL ME NOW
HAHA, I SEE
BUT I DON'T HAVE THE DESIRE TO FIGHT A LONG WAR
IF I KILL YOU NOW, ITTO-RYU WILL FALL APART SOON
NOW!
IF YOU SAY NO, THEN I WILL KILL YOU TODAY NO
I WILL NOT LET A CHANCE PASS

I SAID I DON'T PLAN AN AMBUSH AND I DON'T INTEND TO USE THAT OPTION
MISTER ANOTSU

OR DO YOU WANT TO SAVE YOURSELF
BY JUMPING THROUGH THE WINDOW?
I PLEAD WITH YOU ACCEPT THE ORDER!
THIS ATTRACTIVE YOUNG WOMAN IS NO NORMAL PROSTITUTE SHE'S PROBABLY YOUR LOVER. DO YOU WANT TO SEE HOW SHE'LL BE KILLED?
WHAT WOULD BECOME OF YOUR ESCORT?
!

HM...
?
THREATS ARE NOT NEEDED.
I'VE DECIDED ALREADY.
MISTER HANA-BUSA
THE FOUR CAN SHEATH THEIR WEAPONS

I HUMBLY ACCEPT YOUR OFFER
TO BE HONEST
...I ALREADY TALKED TO MY COMRADES ABOUT THE RELOCATION OF OUR HEAD-QUARTERS.

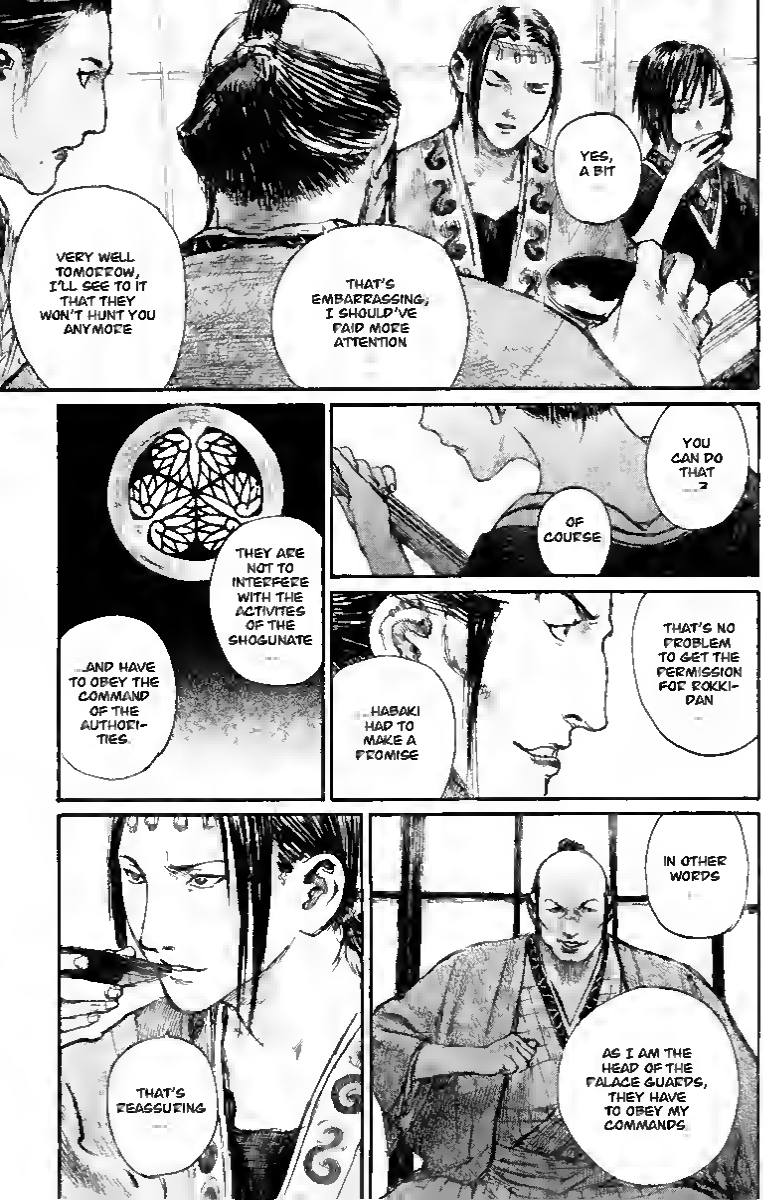

IF IT'S LIKE THAT
SIT DOWN! SIT DOWN!

OH...?
OH!

FABULOUS!
THAT'S EXCELLENT!

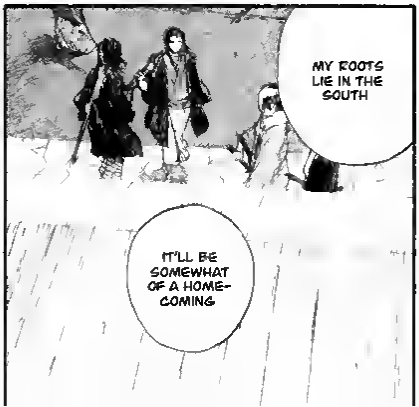
HELP YOURSELF!
POUR SOME FOR ANOTSU AND FOR HIS ESCORT.
THANK YOU.
WELL, THEN ...
THAT MAKES THINGS A LOT EASIER NOW
ALLOW ME ONE QUESTION.
YES, PLEASE?
ONE OF MY PEOPLE WAS ATTACKED NEAR HONGO BY FIVE MASKED ASSASSINS.
HE SAID THEY KNEW HE WAS ITTO-RYU.
ANY IDEA WHO THEY WERE?

A GROUP OF FIGHTERS TRAINED BY KAGIMURA HABAKI
THEY BELONG TO THE ROKKI-DAN
OH WELL, I GUESS I CAN TELL YOU
THOSE WEREN'T MY MEN, MR. ANOTSU
INTERES-TING...
ROKKI...?
EVEN AFTER HIS RESIGNATION, HABAKI JUST COULDN'T LEAVE THE ITTO-RYO ALONE.
THE COUNCIL RELUCTANTLY AGREED
LET ME EXPLAIN
ROKKI-DAN IS NO ORDINARY GOVERNMENT UNIT
OH! I GET IT
YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES IN EDO


YES, A BIT
VERY WELL TOMORROW, I'LL SEE TO IT THAT THEY WON'T HUNT YOU ANYMORE
THAT'S EMBARRASSING, I SHOULD'VE PAID MORE ATTENTION
YOU CAN DO THAT...?
OF COURSE
THEY ARE NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE ACTIVITES OF THE SHOGUNATE
...AND HAVE TO OBEY THE COMMAND OF THE AUTHORITIES.
THAT'S NO PROBLEM TO GET THE PERMISSION FOR ROKKI-DAN
...HABAKI HAD TO MAKE A PROMISE
IN OTHER WORDS
AS I AM THE HEAD OF THE PALACE GUARDS, THEY HAVE TO OBEY MY COMMANDS
THAT'S REASSURING

EXCUSE MY QUESTION
BUT WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO AFTER YOU LEAVE EDO?
MR ANOTSU...

WELL... WE'RE GOING TO HEAD SOUTH FIRST
I'LL SETTLE SOMEWHERE IN SATSUMA AND THINK ABOUT HOW TO CONTINUE


MY ROOTS LIE IN THE SOUTH
IT'LL BE SOMEWHAT OF A HOME-COMING

SATSUMA?
THAT'S VERY FAR AWAY...

I'M VERY HAPPY THAT THERE WAS NO BLOODSHED
HOW NICE THAT OUR MEETING WAS SO FRUITFUL
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
PLEASE ASK ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING - PASSPORTS OR THE LIKE!
OH, I SEE
I'M ALSO HAPPY THAT NO WOMEN HAD TO DIE UNNECESSARILY
YES, ABSOLUTELY

THEREFORE? WHY...?
AND THEREFORE HE'S ALLOWED TO SLEEP IN MY ROOM?
THAT'LL COME TO A BAD END
RIN IS BACK WITH A MAN

BUT NO! THINK! "MANJI"
WATCH OUT! THE EXPENSIVE CHINA BLUE!
THE GUY'S NAME IS "MANJI," MEGUEO
SO WHAT? THE NAME ISN'T IMPORTANT
MR. HABAKI SAID THAT THE HUNDRED MAN KILLER'S NAME IS MANJI
HM?!
YOU THINK SO? MAYBE
YES
WE ARE NO GOOD
ONLY YOU!
IF IT WERE THE SAME GUY, THEN MASTER SORI WOULD'VE KNOWN
THIS HAS TO BE SOMEONE DIFFERENT
WHAT?!
OH! LOOKS LIKE HE'LL STAY HERE FOR A WHILE

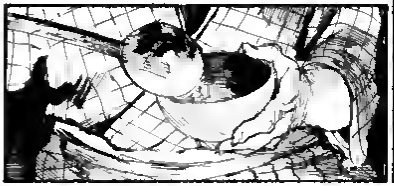
I WANT A BOY
I'M TRYING HARD
THE TENDER WORDS IN BED ...
MEGURO
I DON'T NEED ANY EAVES-DROP-PERS!
I GOT OUT A LOT
THE TALKS ON THE VERANDA.
THERE'S MORE.
I WILL KICK HIM OUT!
I WON'T ALLOW THAT!
I WON'T PERMIT ANY MORE UNINVITED GUESTS TO DISTURB MY HONEYMOON WITH MASTER SOR!!!
MEGURO, THIS IS NOT YOUR HOUSE
SHUT UP, IDIOT!
WE'RE ONLY HERE DURING THE DAY
YOU'RE FANTA-SIZING AGAIN

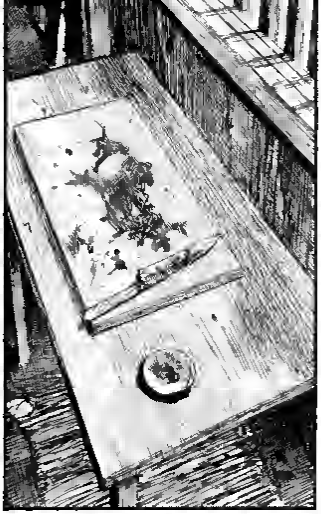
SOME-THING THE MATTER ?
NO... I JUST SENSE A STRONG HOSTILITY

GUAH! I'M DONE!
I'M HUNGRY AND CHARRED...!
I'LL OPEN THE FOOD PACKET
FOOD...?
THAT REMINDS ME
RIN, I HAVE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING...!
HM?
...
JUST SO YOU KNOW.
MY RIGHT ARM IS FINE!
TASTY?
LISTEN!

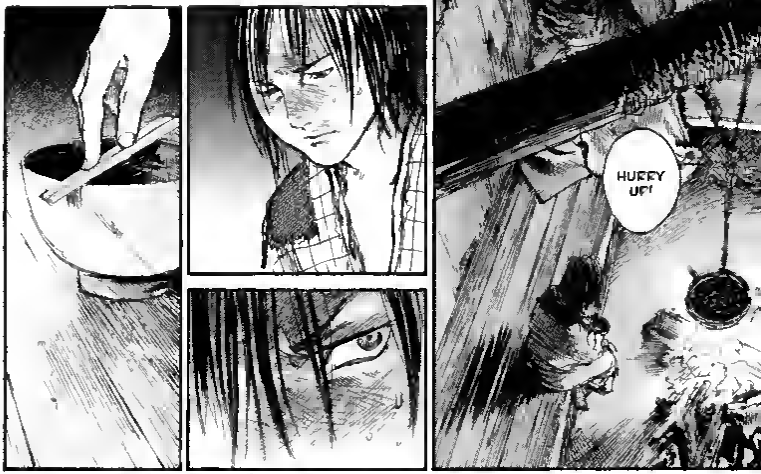
YES
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT MY LEFT ARM
WELL... WITH YOUR SHOUT, YOU SAVED ME, BUT
I NEARLY GOT KILLED ...
HEHE
THE OTHER VOICE I CAN VAGUELY REMEMBER
ENOUGH
YES... BESIDES
AND THE BOY IS REALLY ARAYA KAWAKAMI'S SON?

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ?
THE BOY AND HIM ...





WHAT'S THAT?
THIS GRUB IS NOT EDIBLE
WHAT MEAT IS THAT?
RAT
COULDN'T YOU AT LEAST HAVE CAUGHT A DOG?
ARE YOU DEAF_?
I SAID UNDRESS!
UNDRESS!
TCH! FORGET THE FOOD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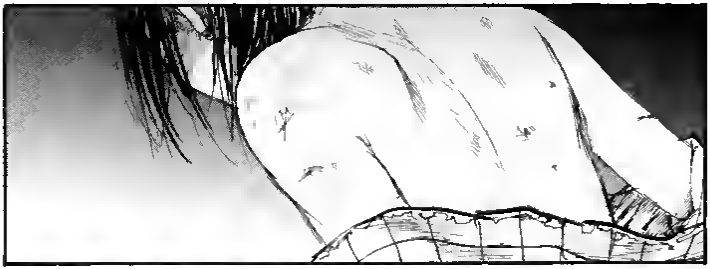

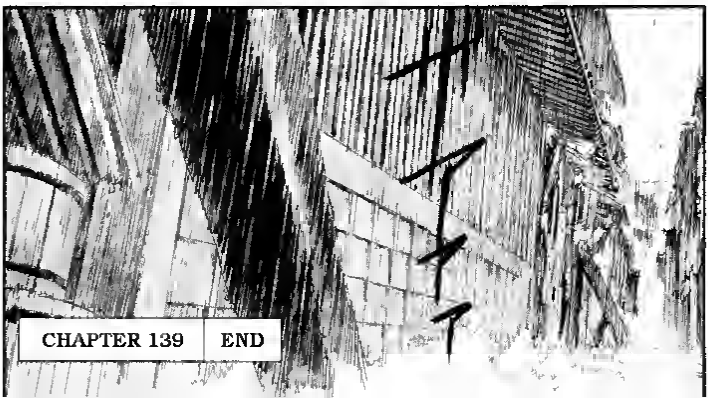
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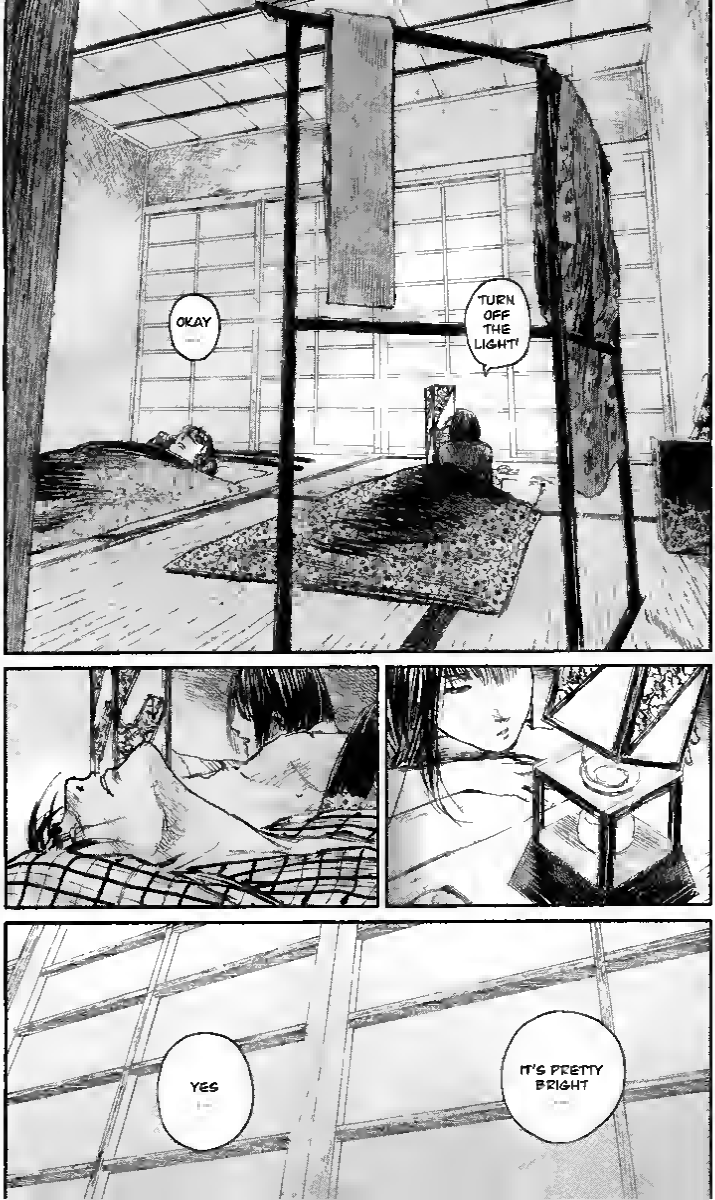
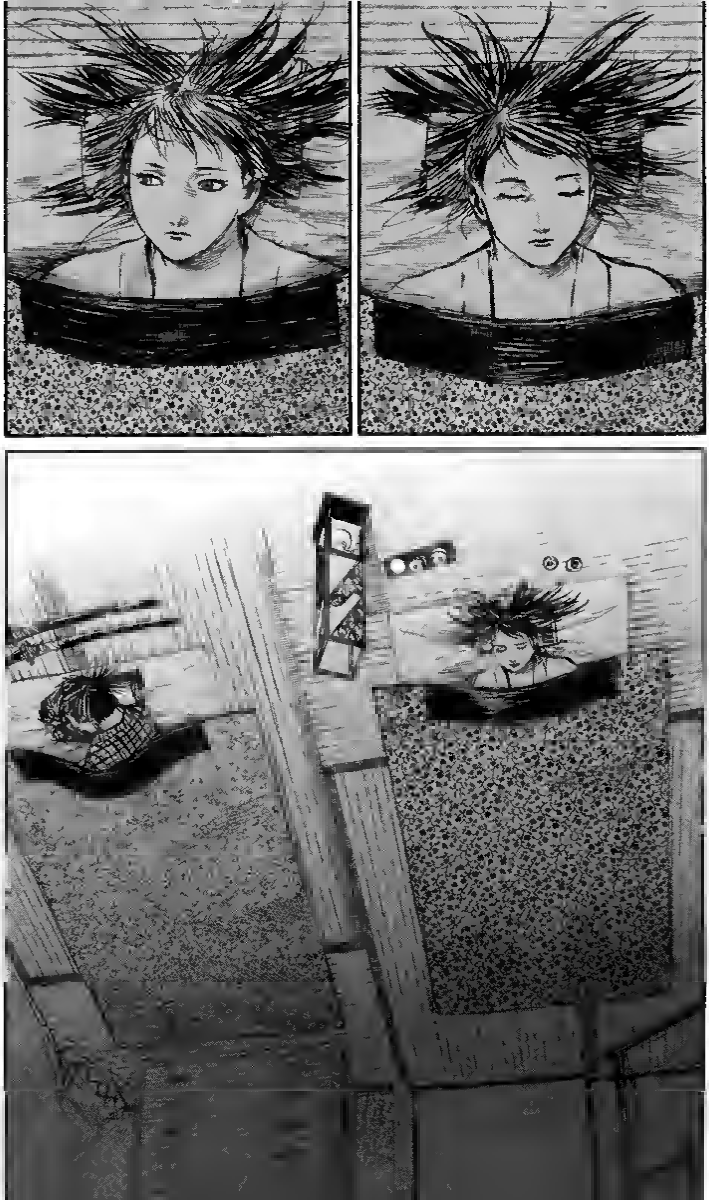

OKAY
TURN OFF THE LIGHT!
YES
IT'S PRETTY BRIGHT

NOTHING IT WAS JUST AN INTERESTING SIGHT
EHE! WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
IF YOU SHAVE OFF YOUR BURNT HAIR COMPLETELY, IT IMMEDIATELY GROWS BACK
THAT'S AMAZING AND HANDY!
THAT'S WHY I CAN NEVER WORK AS A PALACE GUARD AGAIN, BECAUSE I CAN'T SHAVE THE FRONT OF THE TOP OF MY HEAD ANYMORE
WHAT? YOU'RE WORRYING ABOUT THAT?
OF COURSE NOT
JUST WANTED TO SAY IT
I WANT TO SLEEP, I'M COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED
OKAY



SAY, MANJI, CAN'T WE TALK A BIT?
YOU ONLY HAVE TO LISTEN ...
DAMN! STOP SINGING!
A young woman of just thirty years ran to the Sandwich bridge. She gave the guard a penny as a toll and wanted to pass. But then he yelled: 'One penny is missing!' She answered: 'But I just want to go to the middle to jump off the bridge!'
JUST FALL ASLEEP IF YOU'RE TIRED
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE SLEPT IN ONE ROOM ...
OKAY ...
YOU KNOW ...
LATELY I'VE BEEN DREAMING ABOUT HOW WE MET IN KAGA.

THAT DAY WAS SPECIAL
I WAS SAD, AND I WAS HAPPY
SINCE OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER, THAT WAS THE MOMENT I'VE LIKED THE MOST
THANKS
AND IF AWESOME MANJI
...IS IMPRISONED IN A DUNGEON, THEN HE HAS TO GET RESCUED BY A GIRL THAT'S HOW IT ENDS
BUT YOU DID A GREAT JOB
HEHE
REALLY ?
YES
SINCE OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER, THAT WAS THE FIRST MOMENT I FOUND YOU GREAT
WHAT? THE ONLY ?!
LISTEN, RIN, SO YOU KNOW !
NEVER DO THAT AGAIN, UNDERSTOOD?

IT WAS OKAY THAT YOU WENT ALONE TO KAGA.
NO, FORGET IT.
IT WAS MY OWN MIS-TAKE
WHEN YOU FIRST MENTIONED IT, I SHOULD'VE GONE WITH YOU.
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN HOW OBSESSED YOU ARE WITH ANOTSU
BUT...
SOMETHING SIMILAR HAS HAPPENED A FEW TIMES. BUT I'M SERIOUS
...THAT YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO SAVE MINE, THAT I CAN'T BEAR.
IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN, THEN I'LL LEAVE YOU WITHOUT A WORD.

...MY INTRUSION!
EXCUSE...
YES...
...THE LIFE OF A WOMAN WHO MEANT A LOT TO ME WAS RUINED.
YOU KNOW...
A LONG TIME AGO BECAUSE OF MY STUPIDITY...

IT'S A HEAVY LOAD TO CARRY
TELL ME
I
MANJI?
HM ?
A WOMAN WHO MEANT A LOT TO HIM?

...
WELL
I STILL REMIND YOU OF YOUR DEAD SISTER
MACHI
THAT'S TRUE
YOU TWO DO LOOK ALIKE

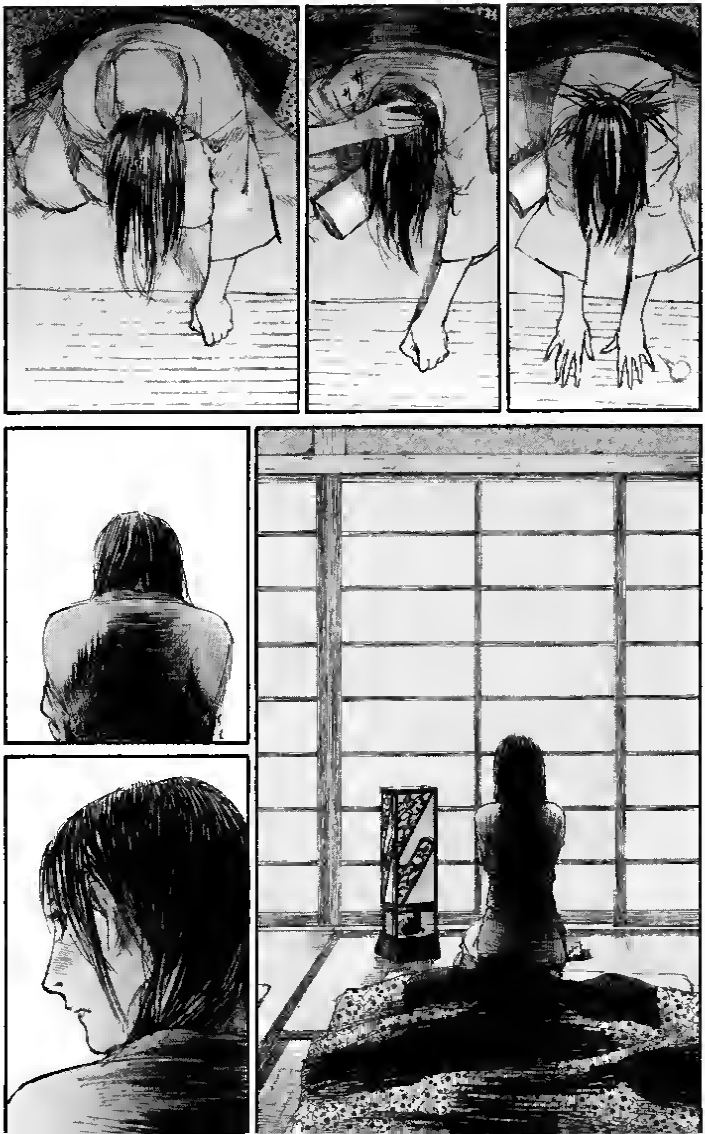
MACHI
RIN
EH? WHAT'S THAT---?
HEHE
THEY LOOK ALIKE, BUT THAT ---
THEY BOTH HAVE RIN'S FACE!
WAIT A SECOND ---!

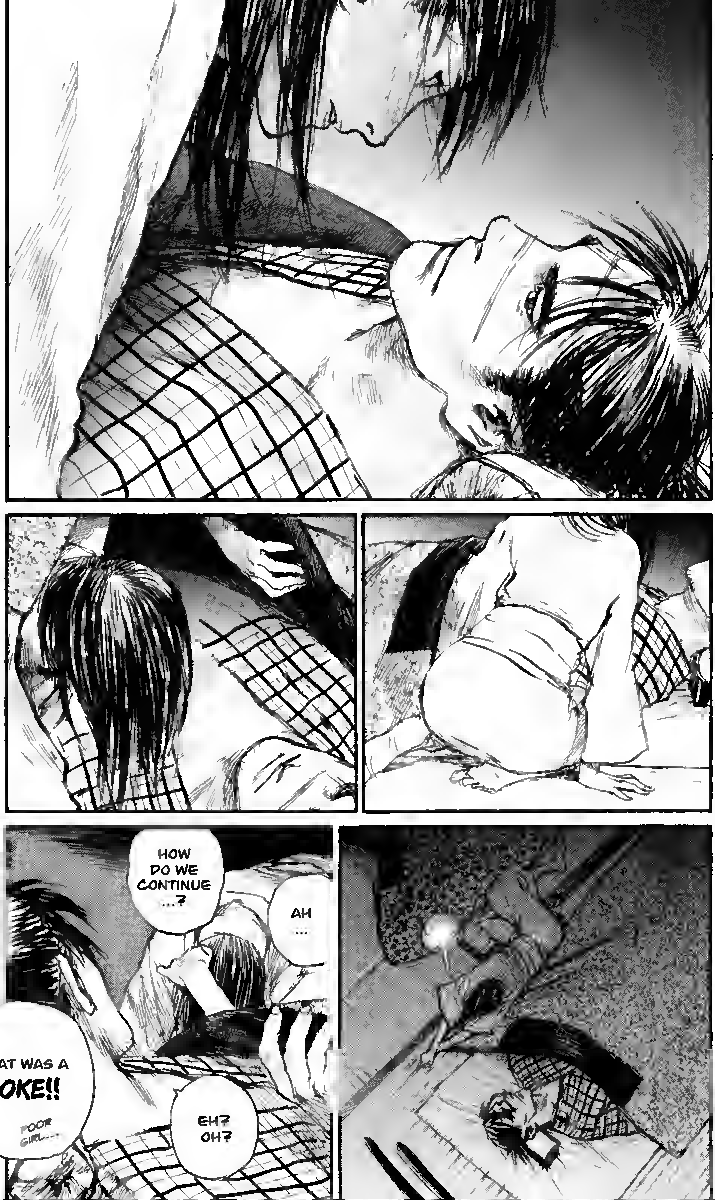
...I ALWAYS SEE MACHI...
...WITH THE BROKEN SMILE SHE HAD AT THE END.
IN MY MEMORIES ---
MAYBE I DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER ?
ONE THING BOTHERS ME IN PARTICULAR
?
HM?
YOU ARE A MAN, RIGHT?

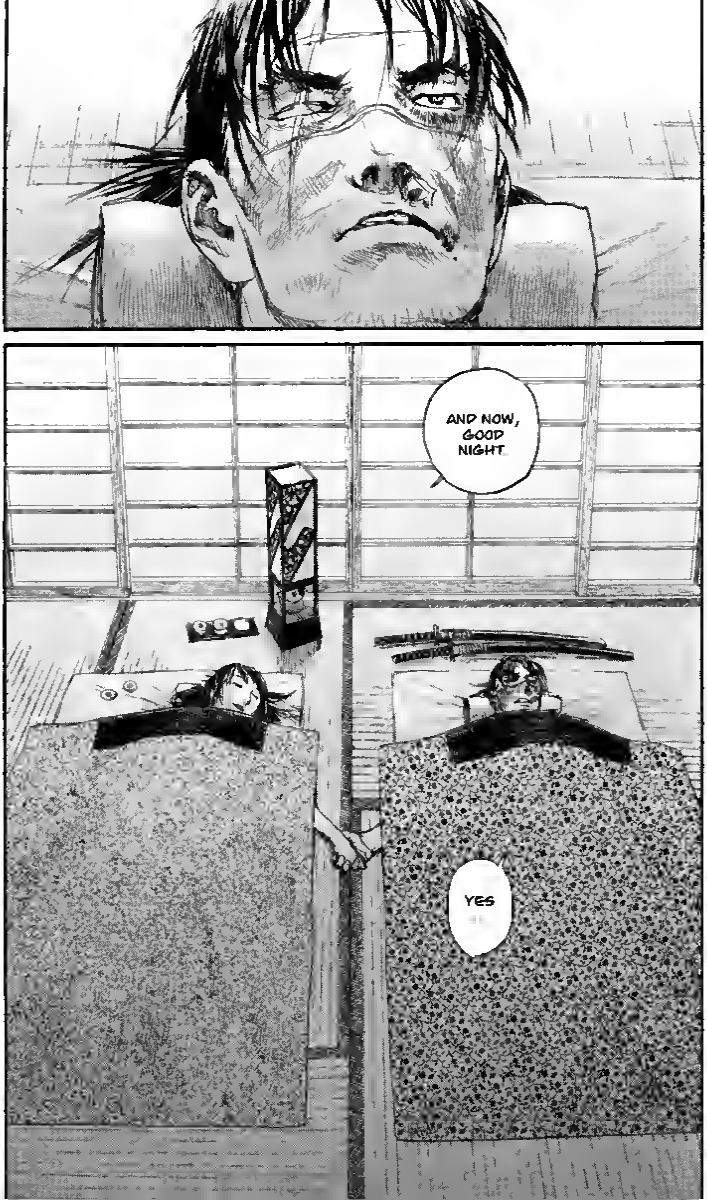
...WHERE DO YOU LEAVE THAT...?
IN YOUR BODY, WHERE
UH, ONE THING I DON'T UNDER-STAND
THE STUFF THAT ACCUMU-LATES
EH?!
...?
AH?
I NEARLY DIED WHEN I TRIED TO GET A PASSPORT TO KAGA!
AND THEN HABAKI, THAT WAS EVEN WORSE...
TO STAY ALIVE CONSUMES ENOUGH OF MY ENERGY!
FOR EXAMPLE I DIDN'T TELL YOU, BUT
YOU THINK I HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY FOR SUCH A THING?
ARE YOU STUPID ?!
DON'T SHOUT!!
HYAKURIN TOLD ME TO ASK YOU WHEN WE WERE LYING NEXT TO EACH OTHER...

YES, TRUE
MAYBE
I DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER YOU
...
AND BEFORE THAT?
BEFORE ?
IF IT ONLY WASN'T FOR THAT SIMILARITY
BOU
BOU
BOU
...BOUGHT ME!
WHEN I HIRED YOU AS A BODYGUARD, YOU ALSO ...
MAYBE YOU FORGOT, MANJI, BUT ...

YOU REALLY COULD BE NICER TO ME
OH, WELL, THEN COME ON!




HOW DO WE CONTINUE ...?
AH ...
THAT WAS A JOKE!!
POOR GIRL...
EH? OH?


AND NOW, GOOD NIGHT.
YES

I FOUND ANOTSU ON MY OWN ---
MANJI ---

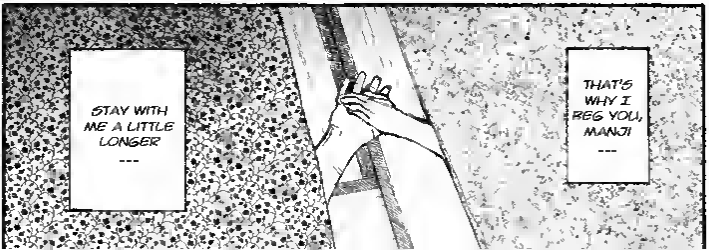
SINCE THEN MANY PEOPLE HAVE HELPED US---
---AND I WAS ABLE TO SAVE A FRIEND IN DIRE NEED.
HOW ABOUT A SMALL REWARD ---?

DON'T YOU THINK THAT I'VE GOTTEN PRETTY STRONG?
SOME DAY, I'LL HAVE TO PART FROM THIS MAN ---
OR ELSE I WON'T GET STRONGER ---
THAT'S WHAT I OFTEN THOUGHT. SOMETIMES I STILL THINK LIKE THAT.
BUT YOU ARE THE PLACE I WILL COME BACK TO ---
---AND THE GOAL I AIM FOR.
YOU KNOW, IN THOSE MOMENTS, I LIKE MYSELF.
THAT'S NO FALSE STRENGTH, IS IT? WHAT DO YOU THINK---?

AND THE FATES OF MANY PEOPLE WILL BE INVOLVED ---
ANOTSU KAGEHISA WILL APPEAR AGAIN.

---AND END IT ALL.
I HAVE TO SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES ---

---THEN I WILL END THIS JOURNEY. NO MATTER HOW IT GOES ---
JUST A BIT MORE, JUST A LITTLE BIT---


STAY WITH ME A LITTLE LONGER ---
THAT'S WHY I BEG YOU, MANJI ---

LET US LAUGH AND GET UPSET TOGETHER ---
...HELP OTHERS AND BE HELPED ---
---AND ANNOY ONE ANOTHER!

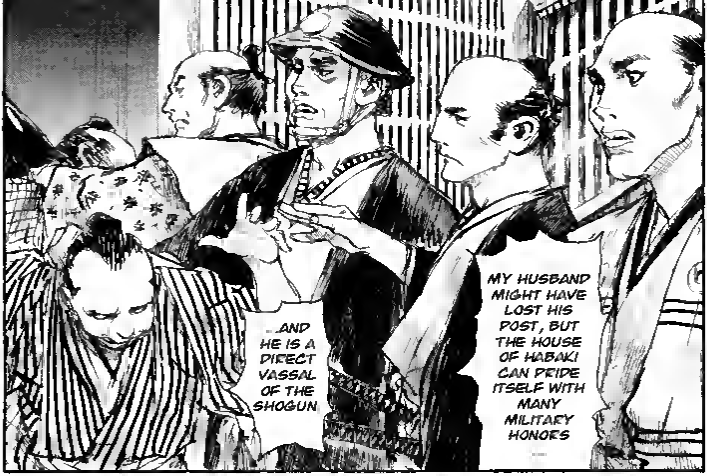
ITTO-RYU WILL BE BANNED IN EDO?
IS THAT TRUE, HANA-BUSA?!
YES, I JUST TALKED TO KAGEHISA ANOTSU YESTERDAY
DID HE SAY WHERE HE WOULD GO?
HM, WHAT DID HE ?
AH, I KNOW !
HE WANTED TO GO TO SATSUMA.
SATSUMA ?
HE COULD BOARD A SHIP IN BOSO
MAYBE IN YOKOHAMA OR HE COULD TAKE THE ROAD

DUMB QUESTION!
MISTER HABAKI, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I ONLY HAVE LESS THAN ONE MONTH LEFT! I WILL NOT LET HIM ESCAPE THIS PROVINCE!
I'M GOING TO COMPLETELY SEAL OFF THE ROUTE TO SATSUMA! EVERY SINGLE FISHING HAVEN OR POSTAL OFFICE THAT COULD BE ON HIS WAY
YOUR OBSESSION BORDERS ON LOVE
YOU ONLY HAVE ONE WEEK TO LEAVE EDO
BUT YOU SHOULD HURRY.

AFTER THAT, SOMEONE WILL COMMAND YOU TO DISSOLVE ROKKI-DAN.
NOW, NOW, MISTER HABAKI. THAT'S NOT HOW ONE SHOULD TALK ABOUT A COUNCIL ORDER !
BULL-SHIT!

THE HANAGUMI, A GROUP OF SIX SENTENCED CRIMINALS
YOU THOUGHT THEY COULD LEAVE EDO AT THEIR OWN WILL?
THINK ABOUT IT...!
HN NGH?!
YOU HAD THE MUGAI-RYU UNDER YOUR CONTROL DON'T PUT ME, AS YOUR SUCCESSOR, INTO THE AWKWARD POSITION OF PERSECUTING MY FORMER SUPERIOR.
THE DELAY OF YOUR SEPPUKU MUST'VE GONE TO YOUR HEAD
EXCUSE MY WORRYING...! I'M SURE I CAN COUNT ON YOUR RATIONALITY.
AFTER ALL, THERE ARE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT

...THINGS AT STAKE FOR YOU THAN YOUR LIFE.
WAIT! THE MASTER WILL BE BACK SOON.
MOVE IT!


MY HUSBAND MIGHT HAVE LOST HIS POST, BUT THE HOUSE OF HABAKI CAN PRIDE ITSELF WITH MANY MILITARY HONORS
...AND HE IS A DIRECT VASSAL OF THE SHOGUN

IT'S IMPUDENT TO ENTER THE VERANDA WITH YOUR SHOES ON...! I DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THIS NONSENSE!
MOVE BACK!
CHAPTER 140 END

DELINQUENT-MANGA PRESENTS:

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WHY SO SERIOUS?

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CHAPTER 141:
COMRADES - PART 1 -

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MASTER!
MASTER!
IT'S HORRIBLE, PLEASE FORGIVE US...!

WHERE WERE THEY TAKEN?
WE WEREN'T ABLE TO STOP THEM! PLEASE FORGIVE US!
ARMED OFFICIALS CAME AND TOOK YOUR WIFE AND SON!
I'M ASHAMED
TA-NOMO!
TO THE HOME OF UGEN HANABUSA, MASTER...
OH! THERE WAS ALSO A YOUNG GIRL
WE TRIED TO RESIST, BUT...
THAT WAS THEIR PLAN. THEY TOLD US THEY WOULDN'T HURT MS. SHIMA AND SAKUTARO AND WE WERE TOO WEAK TO DO ANYTHING. WE HAD TO BELIEVE THEM.
I DON'T KNOW WHO SHE WAS DESPITE THE FACT THAT SHE WAS UNARMED, SHE FOUGHT FIERCELY, BUT THEY WERE TOO STRONG...
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, SHE WAS A WOODCHOPPER. SHE STORMED THROUGH THE GATE AND ATTACKED THE SAMURAI.

FATHER
HNGH
HRR MPH!

I WAS IN THE CITY TO SELL CHARCOAL AND SAW HOW A GROUP OF SAMURAI WENT TOWARDS YOUR HOUSE. I HAD THE FEELING SOMETHING WASN'T RIGHT...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!
THAT'S GOOD
UNFORTUNATELY I COULDN'T BE OF ANY HELP.
YOU'RE LUCKY, THE WOUND ISN'T DEEP.
THANKS A LOT
DID SHIMA SAY ANYTHING TO YOU...?
NO, NOT REALLY.
RYO!

TELL THE TRUTH!
BE GONE, LOWLIFE!
A SIMPLE WOOD CHOPPING GIRL HAS NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE WITH THE QUARRELS THAT TAKE PLACE ON THE LAND OF A SAMURAI FAMILY.
DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT YOUR BEHAVIOR ONLY MAKES THINGS WORSE?!
THESE GENTLEMEN ARE HERE ON THE ORDER OF THE SHOGUN!

...
YOU HAVE NO REASON TO BE HERE.
I DON'T RECALL ASKING YOU FOR YOUR HELP OR GIVING YOU PERMISSION TO ENTER MY HOUSE
...GENTLE-MEN...
VERY WELL THEN...
WHEREVER YOU LEAD ME, I WILL FOLLOW.
IF YOU ACT ON AN OFFICIAL ORDER THEN THERE'S NO REASON TO MISTREAT THE WIFE OF A HATAMOTO.

I NEVER TALKED ABOUT YOU...
MAYBE SHIMA REALIZED SOMETHING...
THAT WAS PROBABLY HARD FOR YOU...
YOUR WIFE SAVED MY LIFE.
IF THE SAMURAI HADN'T LEFT BECAUSE OF THE WORDS OF YOUR WIFE
NO, FATHER!
I OVER-ESTIMATED MYSELF ...
I'M SORRY ...
THEY WOULD HAVE KILLED ME BACK THERE

I WANT TO MAKE UP FOR IT
I LIKE SAKUTARO AND SHIMA

SO THEY REALLY ARE IN HANABUSA'S HOUSE

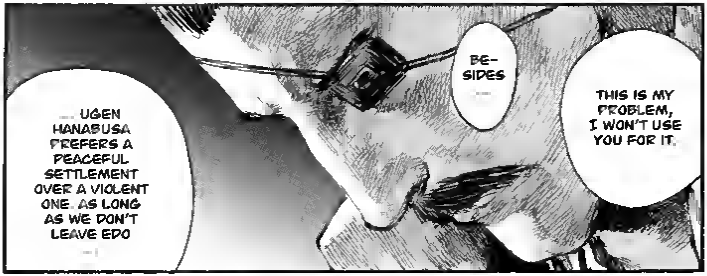
THEY LOOKED DEPRESSED ...
HMM

LET'S GET THEM BACK, MASTER HABAKI!

THERE'S NO GUARANTEE FOR IT TO REMAIN THAT WAY.

BUT THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE BEEN HARMED.

NO ...


BE-
SIDES
THIS IS MY PROBLEM, I WON'T USE YOU FOR IT.
...UGEN HANABUSA PREFERS A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OVER A VIOLENT ONE. AS LONG AS WE DON'T LEAVE EDO

HE WILL KEEP HIS PROMISE
UNDERSTOOD? WE OF ROKKI-DAN MIGHT BE CRIMINALS, BUT WE ARE NO REBELS

IF THIS IS THE WILL OF THE AUTHORITIES, WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER OPTION, BUT TO ACCEPT IT WITHOUT ANY COMPLAINT.

WE WILL SMOKE KAGEHISA ANOTSU OUT WITHIN A WEEK!
REALLY!
REALLY? SHOW!
I HAVE ONE!
AND I THOUGHT YOU ALWAYS SEW THEM YOURSELF
YOU SAID 30 MON?
YES, THANKS
DO I LOOK LIKE THAT...?

I HAVE TO GO AND SHARPEN MY SWORD
YOU GO AHEAD!
PLEASE COME WITH ME! IT'S NOT A LONG DETOUR
WHAT? HEY!
EIN, CATCH!
MASTER SORI DOES SO MUCH FOR HIM, BUT HE DOESN'T SHOW ANY GRATITUDE
THROW THE KIMONO AWAY, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO CARRY IT IT'S SORI'S
TO BUY COLORS FOR THE ARTIST AND CARRY THEM FOR YOU? NO, THANKS
THANK YOU
I'LL TAKE THESE

THAT'S ALL THE LUXURY HE WANTS, HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE...
HAIR OIL FROM SHIMOMUSA-YA MASHIKO AND COMFIT* FROM SUZUKI-ECHIGO
*A CONFECTION THAT CONSISTS OF A PIECE OF FRUIT, A SEED, OR A NUT COATED WITH SUGAR.
UAAAH!
SORRY!
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE SORI IS THE BETTER SWORD FIGHTER
HEE HEE, IT WOULD BE FUNNY IF IT WAS TRUE
MANJI IS REALLY RUDE
...BUT ESPECIALLY TOWARDS MASTER SORI
YOU?!
DAMN, I DIDN'T WATCH OUT...!
I HAVE TO SAY SORRY

AH ...
!
A-A-ANO...

HEY ...
STOP!
WAIT !!
パッ パッ
WAIT ...!
EH? A THIEF?
HEY!
WATCH OUT, YOU IDIOT!

PHEW
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
PANT
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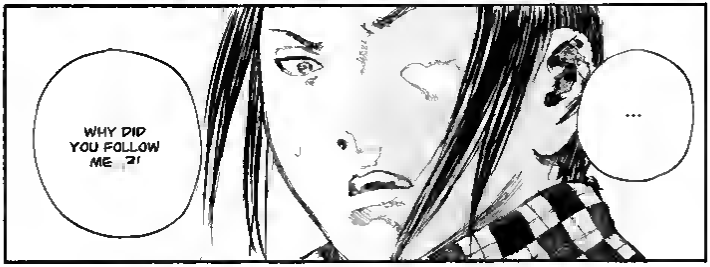
I THOUGHT AFTER KAGA I'D BE BETTER ON FOOT

BUT WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT

--- ANOTSU ALSO TRAVELED THE SAME DISTANCE.

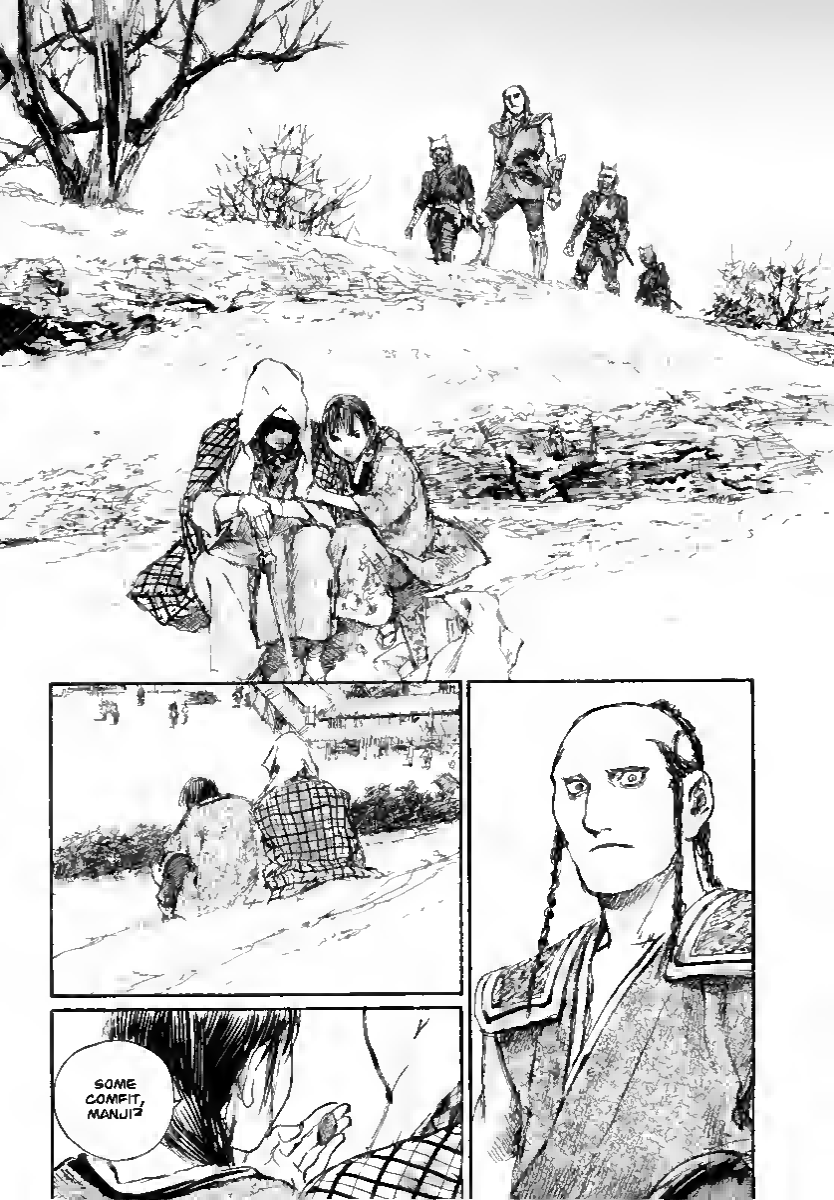

WHY DID YOU FOLLOW ME?!
...

GO BACK!
HA!
YOU
...
YOU
...
YOU CAN'T ORDER ME AROUND!

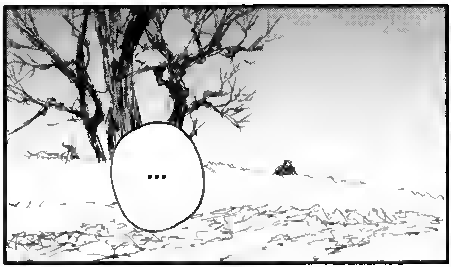
YES, I HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK ---
BUT WHAT'S ANOTSU ACTUALLY DOING---?
MANJI ISN'T AROUND THERE WON'T BE ANY FIGHT ---
BUT HE'S RIGHT, WHAT WAS I THINKING ---?!
?!
SHHH!
TELL ME, WHAT'S GOING ON WITH ITTO-RYU...?
OH ---!
JUST LIKE IN KAGA ---

...!
TSCHH!!!
THE MAN AT THE FRONT IS ---
?
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHY DO YOU WANT TO ?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?!


SOME COMFIT, MANJI?

SAY "AAAH"
THIS GIRL...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
!
LET'S GO!
THEN THE GUY NEXT TO HER IS THE HUNDRED MAN KILLER...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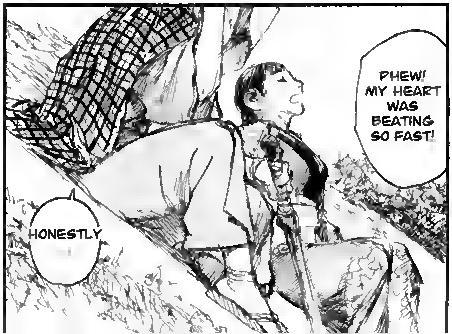

PHEW! MY HEART WAS BEATING SO FAST!
HONESTLY

I USED MY HEAD TO PREVENT BLOODSHED!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ?!
I CAN DO WITHOUT YOUR MEDDLING!
EH ?!
...
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO INTERFERE?

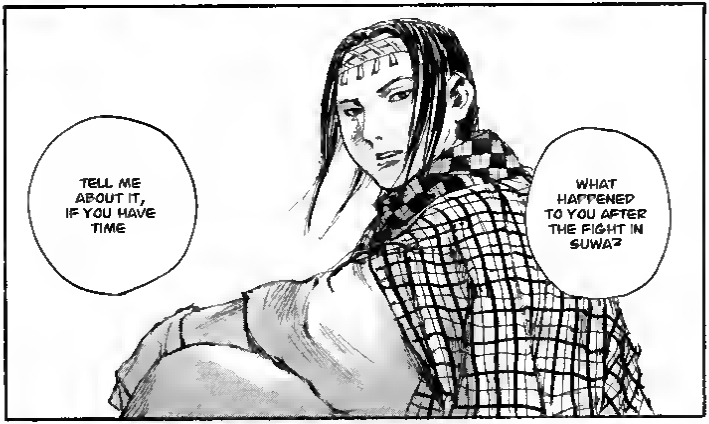
THEY BELONG TO AN ORGANIZATION THAT WAS FORMED TO ELIMINATE ITTO-RYU
IT SEEMS THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT UNKNOWN TO YOU.

THAT'S WHY I WALKED THROUGH THE CITY TO FIND SOME AND INTERROGATE THEM.
HOW MANY MEMBERS THEY HAVE OR IN WHAT AREA THEY OPERATE

BUT I DON'T KNOW
THEY ARE CALLED "ROKKI-DAN" AND THEY ARE HABAKI'S PRIVATE ARMY

DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH TIME AND EFFORT IT COST ME TO LURE THEM HERE?!
HOWEVER IT WOULD'VE BEEN NOTICED IF DONE IN THE CITY AND THEY COULD'VE CALLED FOR HELP
AHHH, I GET IT!
OH...
THEY WILL THINK WE ARE ALLIES
IF YOU DO THAT THEY'LL KILL YOU TOO
I'M VERY SORRY!
HOW STUPID ARE YOU?
I WILL CALL THEM "COME HERE. KAGEHISA ANOTSU IS HERE!"
ARGH...!
LEAVE IT BE! IT'S TOO LATE, SIT DOWN

THAT WAS REALLY STUPID OF ME ---
THE WEATHER IS MILD TODAY
WHY DID I HAVE TO HELP HIM...?!


TELL ME ABOUT IT, IF YOU HAVE TIME
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AFTER THE FIGHT IN SUWA?

EH?!

付録

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武器屋24時間

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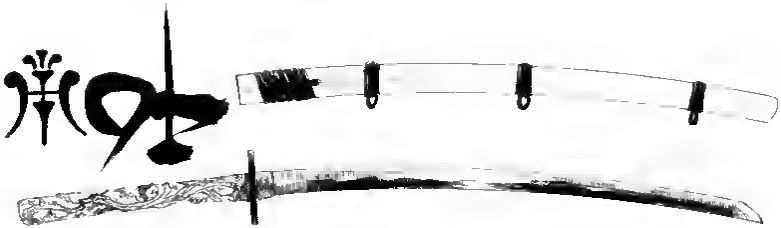
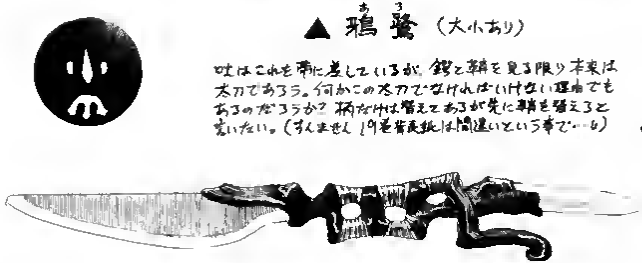


▲ 鴉鷺（大小あり）

吐はこれを帯に差している訳だし、鍔と鞘を見る限り本来は太刀であろう。何かこの太刀でなければいけない理由でもあるのだろうか？柄なんかは揃えてあるが是非に鞘も揃えてもらいたい。（すんません！刀拵直前は間違いという事で…）



阿黒山

▲ 断身九印

片腕で抱える事を前提に作られた特注刀。これ一本で斬る・刺す・殴る・刃を折る・缶を開ける・コルクを抜く・中で卵を掻き回す等さまざまな機能があり便利。

▲ ガザミ

普通の人間がこんな代物を両腕に付けたるまともに動けない。鵺一号の剛腕はこの武器自体の重量がうくるパワーリスト効果か!?

馬鹿鵺

▼ 杉ノ明露

野太刀と呼ばれる事実に長く重量のある太刀の刀身に穴を空ける事で軽量化を図っている。見た目よりはるかに↗

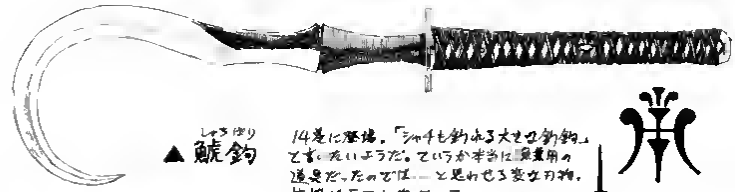
↗華奢く振る事が出来ます。鵺君から「折れそうですぬ」と指摘をいただいたかもしれません。オレもそう思います。

▲ イペタム

樺太アイヌが行う大陸との交易を山丹交易といいその交易で得られた物を総じて山丹物と呼ぶ。これは山丹物の武器部分を瞳阿が剣として使用しているもの。瞳阿はこれに、アイヌの伝統上の邪剣の名をつけたようだ。「イペタム」は「人喰い」の意。

瞳阿

▲ キラウコンタ　拾った十手の先を斬ったもの。



▲ 鼬鉤

14巻に登場。「シャチも釣れる大せの釣鉤」とすごいようだ。というか半魚は漁業用の漁具だったのでは…と思わせる変な刀拵。実物は両刃になっている。

王反

若ぇとは
聞かれてる
扉の事だぞ
ロ…!!
……
……
生徒会

期限は残り七日。逸刀流対六鬼団、壮絶なる殲滅戦！
次巻［第二十二巻］乞う御期待!!

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無限の住人（むげんのじゅうにん）！ 全巻あらすじ。一挙大公開！ ●第1巻（1994年9月刊）：百人斬りを果たした冨岡の侍・卍（まんじ）。その身に血仙蟲（けっせんちゅう）を宿し不死身となった彼は、妹を失い千人斬りを誓う。天津影久（あのつかげひさ）率いる逸刀流（いっとうりゅう）に父を殺され母を誅殺された少女・凛（りん）は復讐行にあたり卍を用心棒とし、逸刀流・無衣冠人（くろいさぱと）らを狙う。逸刀流・凶凪斗（まがつないと）、凛の父の友人・宗理（そうり）登場。●第2巻（1994年12月刊）：血仙蟲を宿した逸刀流・国馬永空（しずまえいくう）登場。血仙蟲の唯一の弱点である冨・血仙殺（けっせんさつ）で卍を苦しめるが敗れ解体される。逆女から殺陣刀流となった天才剣士・乙冨槇絵（おとのたちばなまきえ）冨場。●第3巻（1995年4月刊）：横冨と卍の死闘。横絵の死勝に終わるが、凛の言葉により横絵はととめを刺さずに去る。偶然に出会った天津に凛が攻み。無修に倒けられる。●第4巻（1995年10月刊）：冨刀流・川上斬夜（かわかみあらや）登場。新良の過去を知らない息子・錬磁（れんそう）と凛の冨に交流が生まれるが、卍は冨冨の眼前で斬夜を殺害する。●第5巻（1996年8月刊）：冨刀流殲滅を図る無鞘流（むがいりゅう）・百琳（ひゃくりん）。偽一（ぎいち）。尸良（しら）。真理路（しんりじ）ら登場。幕府の新番頭（しんばんがしら）・吐鉤群（はばきむら）冨場。天津に「逸刀流の幕府お揺え」を持ちかける。「加賀編」の冨始。●第6巻（1997年6月刊）：逸刀流・阿鳴山宗介（あばやまそうすけ）登場。使用人・真琴（まこと。実は無鞘流よりの内通者）から「冨刀流狩り」の詳細を知る。卍は無鞘流とともに天津摸来に参加するが、非冨ぶりをあらわにする尸良の右冨を落とし、決裂。●第7巻（1997年10月刊）：加賀に向け発った天冨。卍を冨いて旅立つ凛。後を追う卍は火瓦（ひか）ら逸刀流剣士と遭遇。詰冨を強いられる。●第8巻（1998年7月刊）：凛冨の末、火瓦は卍を倒すが殺冨できず。逆に百琳に悪意を絶たれる。冨所抜けを試みる凛に降りかかる緊迫の事冨。加賀に到着した天津は、伊羽研水（いはねけんすい）ら心形庸流（しんきょうとうりゅう）の剣士たちと対冨。●第9巻（1999年6月刊）：天津は研水に。冨場の併合と義理の鞘・蜜花（ひそか）との婚儀を提案される。冨は路冨を失う。宗冨のもとで卍と凶の真会。尸良は通行手形と引き替えに無鞘流の拠点を冨刀流に売る。●第10巻（2000年4月刊）：痛らわれた百琳に加えられる苛烈な拷問、そして陵辱。偽一は冨刀流・鬼抜（きぬか）らを鼻々と葬る。無鞘流の冨目が吐てあることから明らかになる。卍と凶は尸良に鞘われ。その右腕の秘密を知る。●第11巻（2001年1月刊）：死力を尽くした冨いの後、凶は尸良の左鞘をも落とす。密花との祝言を終え、加賀を発つ天津と出会う凛。そこに現れた雙峯者たち。●第12巻（2002年2月刊）：研水と密花に降りかかる悲劇。追っ手の無に終われる天津と。横絵との真会。江戸では吐の逸刀流青しか成就せんとする。●第13巻（2002年11月刊）：凛を揃うえた心形冨流と、天津、卍、凶、さらに冨冨が進冨、冨防湖畔を血に染める大乱戦となる。「加賀冨」終幕。偽一と卍とか対冨する間に、凛が逸刀流に拉致される。●第14巻（2003年7月刊）：卍、偽一と、逸刀流・圭反冨隊（かそりふじあき）。把山練鋼（わやんくりしけ）、そして凶による五つ巴の死冨。阿蘇山による真琴の殺害。吐による卍の逮捕。凛と冨刀流・吉乃雌阿（よしのとうあ）。八死独実作（やそのおおかみいさく）との出会い。●第15巻（2004年1月刊）：「不死力解明編」開始。吐の指示のもと、医師・玉鵬（もうぜん）。鞘目歩蘭人（あやめふらんど）。助手・虎ェ衛門（とらえもん）らが、地下牢に鞘られた卍に実験を冨す。無鞘流の解党。●第16巻（2004年5月刊）：公鞘御様御用斬鞘人（こうさおためしごようさんしゅにん）・山田浅右衛門吉真（やまだあさえもんよしひろ）、人呼んで「首斬り浅」冨場。卍の「不死」を鞘るための人体切断役となる。卍と四肢を交換した罪人・出羽介（でわのすけ）に冨される「不死」の検証。百琳と偽一。さらには天津との人生の交冨。●第17巻（2004年11月刊）：尋問した冨心らを冨阿が撰で斬りにしたことで実作が選捕される。麻酔銃撃けにされた卍の肉体を使い、大冨の囚人に苛烈な人体実験を施すことで。歩鞘人は「不死」の謎に迫る。●第18巻（2005年6月刊）：卍と実作の救出のため、江戸城の地下に冷入する凛と冨阿。逸刀流・怖鮮（おすはん）の奇怪な活鞘。そして不死実験が生み出した絶冨的な数の冨牲者。●第19巻（2006年4月刊）：凛は虎ェ衛門を冨うか遭後に意気投合。牢を冨け放つ算段を立てる。そして凛と真会した卍と、吐、続いて浅右衛門との闘い。浅右衛門の部下・弁鬼（べんき）に、実作と鞘阿も戦騨に加わる。●第20巻（2006年10月発売予定）：歩鞘人の冨った不死の怪物が出現。常軌を冨した大激冨となる。半壊した江戸城の冨門。尸良と錬造が登場、卍の左冨を待ち去る。「不死力解明冨」終幕。

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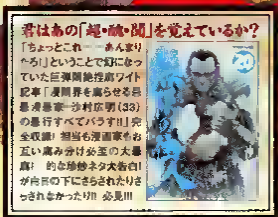

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連載150回達成！記念企画

女たちの無限の住人

沙村広明
Samura Hiroaki

1993年に本誌に登場以来、不死の侍・卍の活躍とともに世界を驚かせ続けてきた本作品は、「剣」と「復讐」の物語であると同時に、「女」の物語でもある。このたび連載が150回に到達したのを機に、彼女たちを中心に物語を振り返ってみよう――。

両親を殺害された浅野凛。不死の侍・卍を助っ人に頼み仇討ちの旅に出る。道行きも最初のうちは、卍に対する感情も「この娘、虫魔人」といったひどいものであったが、数々の危機を乗り越えるうちに次第に変化。今では自ら卍を押し倒し……となるまで急速の情を募らせているようである。

凛の前に立ちはだかる最強の女剣士が乙(おとめ)。凛の仇・天津の「神童の師」でもある彼女だが、一度はその手を縫いつけて剣を封じるという暴挙に出る。しかしかつての剣の目的であった父の遺しき末期に触れるなどの経験を経て、やがてその心境は複雑

隠れキリシタン・美作と流れてきた彼女は、天津に心酔しその門下となる。だが、最終的には美作を殺うため天津の殺えを破り、美作とともに「人で安住の地を求めさらなる旅に出てゆくのだ。

一方、杤無(とちなし)の幸せは恋愛にはないようだ。隠し子である自分が父・吐(と)の重荷になることを恐れたのか、血のにじむような鍛錬を経て、相当な剣力を手に入れたのである。華奢な少女の外見に似合わず、父の率いる非合法暗殺組織にその身を投じることを喜びとした彼女の道は、やがて不可避的に凛の道と交わることになるであろう。

に変化。現在は天津と行をともにすると表裏、どうやら隠れて同棲生活を送っている模様。

百琳(ももりん)は自らの息子を夫に殺害されたのち剣客の道を歩む。しかし殺し続ける道に平穏は訪れず、やがて辿り討ちに遭い陵辱され、果てにはその身に子を宿すに至る。自死をも考えた彼女であるが、本作品で最強の剣士の一人でもある偽(にせ)の哀心よりの説得を受け、「命の消費者」より「産んで増やす」事を決意する。

女の幸せというものをどう定義するかは意見が分かれようが、吉乃(きちの)理阿(りあ)の場合はその一例になるかも知れない。北の地より

これからの物語で欠かせない女も紹介しておこう。二人のくノ一、百黒(ももぐろ)とたんぽぽ。百黒は宗理に恋愛感情を抱き、その長屋に居候する凛を事性も知らずに嫌悪している。彼女の嫌悪のもう一つの対象がくノ二のくせに運動神経が鈍くでもスタイル抜群なたんぽぽである。たんぽぽはその画力を仕事とし、物語においては暗殺組織にその腕を利用されている。また百黒の額の傷はたんぽぽを守ってついたどもいわれているが、実情は定かではない。ともあれ彼女たちの恋模様が、切実さを増す物語「最終章」の行方を、いそう不透明なものにしてゆくであろう――。

次頁、150回記念にて女たちの揃い踏み！

誰にも一度しか訪れない季節、過ごす学園の名は「無限」。
僕らはその「住人」たちに、導かれるようにして出会うんだ――。

酒乱教師
百琳
主人公の通う高校学園の中国語教師だが、酒を飲みながら授業をするなど天然な性格。酒 酒うと近所の子どもまいるまでいたため、主人公のトラウマ的存在にもなっている。
幼なじみ
浅野凛
いつも冷静で、その外見からは想像できない大食漢。幼いころから主人公にちょっかいをアリングを受けてきたせいか、感に厳しい性格に育ちかたとき、普食は意外ポー面を見せて。
謎の転校生
乙橘槇絵
主人公を追いかけるように転校してきた謎の転少女。その目的の一つは周囲から誤解を受けやすいと思るキッカケでその幼元体質にコンプレックスを感じていたことが明らかに。
近所の子供
4-3 吉乃
吉乃瞳珂
一人暮らしの主人公のため、毎日のように朝食に来て母家事全般をこなしてくれる。最近 主人公の周りに女の子が増えたので 能のようし考えなくることができず不満そう。
マネージャー
たんぽぽ
名曲の載り曲で スタイル抜群のお姉様。明王学の一員で3年間だけ学園に通うことを許されている。常に一生懸命だが空回りにドジで一緒語で困いつも主人公を振りまる。
ダブリ
目黒
学園最古の男名をとる職猫子女性同家。何かと主人公につきまとい なぜか職をライバル視して 料食を挑んでくる。ダブリゆえかいつも頭を抱えたがる姿は楽しかう屋。
県大会優勝
和一輝
主人公がいつも連れ回されている「ろっぺん」の最高最 父最周最の最特生なので職職から誤解されがちだが まったくそれを職解させない主人公が実に切り起きているらしい。

無限の住人（ムゲンのジュウニン）

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無限の住人 最終章粗筋

夜道を往く逸刀流剣士を襲う謎の集団。その名は「六鬼団」、江戸城破壊の責任を取らされ殺された吐鉤群が、切腹までの猶予一カ月の間に逸刀流を殲滅すべく集めた無頼の剣士たちである。他方、逸刀流統主・天津影久も仇討ちに帰した道場の地下に新たな剣士たちを集め、策動を始める。天津は吐に代わる幕府新番頭・英千彦と会見。表向きは「逸刀流は江戸を出る」ことで合意するが――。

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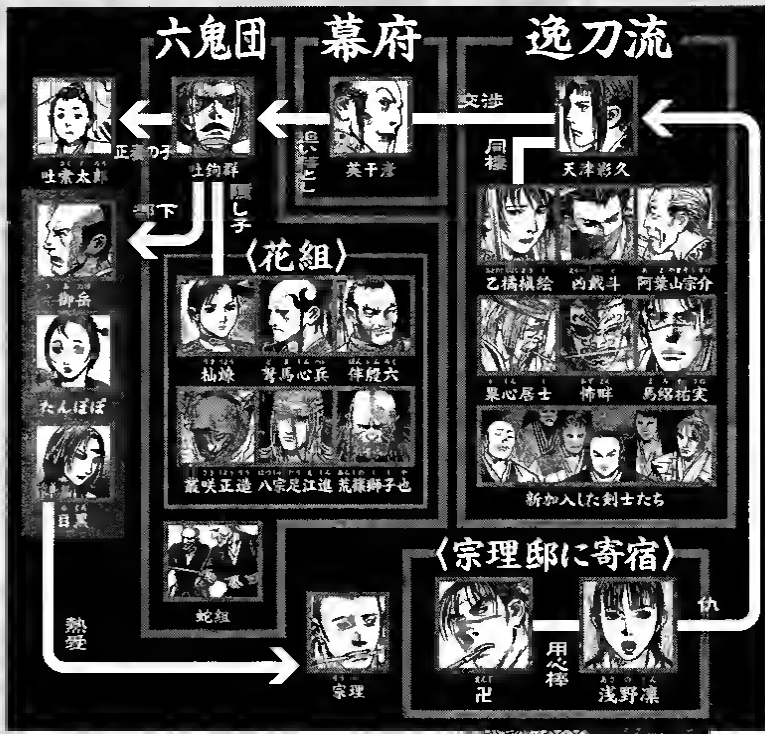
無限の住人 最終章粗筋

逸刀流に降りかかる苛烈な攻撃。指令するのは吐尚軒、切腹までの一カ月の間に逸刀流を殲滅すべく「六鬼団」を結成したのだ。他方、逸刀流就主・天津影久も灰燼に帰した道場の地下に新たな剣士たちを集め、策動を始める。天津は吐に代わる幕府新番頭・吉千彦と会見し、求向き「七日狩」、逸刀流は江戸を出る」ことで合意。これは江戸を出られぬ六鬼団にとって、狩りの期限が七日に短縮されたことを意味する。さらに吉は手を緩めず、後のない吐を追い詰めるべく、吐の妻子を襲撃させる——。



卍と一つ屋根のもとに暮らす凛の揺れる心は？
逸刀流狩りに対抗する天津はどう動くか？
襲撃された吐家に向かった嫁は？
宗理は本当にカッパなのか？

本編は次頁より開始ッ！